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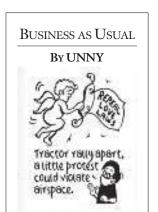
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MANN RECUSES HOURS BEFORE FIRST MEETING

SC committee cracks, key member opts out saying he is with farmers

Tomar confirms talks with farmer leaders today, with 'an open mind'

SUKHBIR SIWACH, RAAKHIJAGGA& **HARIKISHAN SHARMA**

CHANDIGARH, NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

TWO DAYS after the Supreme Court named him as one of the four members of an expert committee, tasked to listen to grievances of farmers opposed to the new agriculture laws and the views of the government, Bhupinder Singh Mann, president of BKU (Mann) and chairman of All India Kisan CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

OVER 1 CR SURVEYED

All figures in %

Status of vaccination

Received/Receiving

Distribution of out-of-

Distribution of population

by type of chronic illness

school children

21.75 Cardiac/

hypertension/blood circulatory disease

Adding to the confusion

THE EXIT of Bhupinder Singh Mann has put a question mark on the consultation process. It remains to be seen if the court names a new member to replace him. What also complicates the process is the outright rejection of the panel by farmer unions.

Record govt purchases of cotton, paddy from Punjab

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA JALANDHAR, JANUARY 14

RAJVIR SINGH Golta sold 52 quintals of narma/kapas (raw unginned cotton) over three pickings from his five-acre land in Ihumba village of Punjab's Bathinda district. He got the full minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 5,665 per quintal for his medium-long staple fibre crop that was procured by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) between early-October and mid-December.

The 42-year-old is pleased

that the CCI entered the market on time at the season's start when narma rates were Rs 4,600-4,800/quintal. That's a view also echoed by Nirmal Singh Tiwana, a farmer from the same village who sold 21 quintals of the crop, grown on two out of his four-acre holding, to the CCI at the Centre's MSP.

And it is not just cotton. Government agencies have procured an all-time high 202.78 lakh tonnes of paddy from Punjab at the MSP of Rs 1,988/quintal for 2020-21. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Special flight

from Brazil for

2 million doses

WITH INDIA set to launch its na-

tionwide vaccination drive

against Covid Saturday, a spe-

cially equipped aircraft from

Brazil is expected to land in

Mumbai over the weekend to

collect 2 million doses of the vac-

cine to mark the first such export

from the country, sources told

from Brazilian President Jair

Bolsonaro in a letter last week to

The move follows a request

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SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

NEW MONOPOLIES: OBJECTIONS WERE OVER-RULED

Finance and Niti had raised red flags before Adani's clean sweep of six airports

PRANAV MUKUL & ANIL SASI

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

BOTH THE FINANCE Ministry and Niti Aayog had put on record objections regarding the 2019 airport bidding process, which were over-ruled, clearing the way for a clean sweep of six airports by the Ahmedabad-based Adani Group, records accessed by The Indian Express show.

This assumes significance given that on August 31 last year, the Adani Group signed another deal to acquire a controlling interest in the country's second largest airport, in Mumbai — the Airports Authority of India cleared that takeover on January 12.

Aviation is one sector the Competition Commission of India (see interview) has marked for review of market dominance. From running a private air-strip

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TAKING OFF

in India Inc: Regulator reviews seven key sectors

Telecom to pharma, airports to ports:

Concentration of power

Last August, Adani Group signed deal to acquire a controlling

interest in country's second largest airport in Mumbai. File

concession agreements to be reviewed

PRANAV MUKUL

20 months Time period of growth

Airports controlled by Adani Group

7.90 crore

Number of passengers handled (23.2% of domestic traffic)

Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Mangalore, Lucknow, Jaipur, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram greenfield Navi Mumbai

& ANIL SASI

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

AMID THE unprecedented concentration of power in at least India, from pharma and telecom to airports and ports, the Competition Commission of India has launched a set of detailed investigations on the market dynamics of each sector.

Simultaneously, it has started a review of all model concession agreements — the legal contract that forms the basis of the publicprivate partnership - across four



ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA CHAIRPERSON, COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

kev infrastructure sectors: airports. ports, electricity and railways. The goal is to ensure that CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Delhi survey: 10% kids out of school, 80% homes don't have computers

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

- ■Two lakh children remain "out of school", including 64,813 due to "financial constraints".
- Over six lakh between 0-6 years are outside the net of anganwadis, which cover less than half of Delhi's pregnant women.
- Over 63% people use buses for commuting, while only 6% depend on the flagship Delhi Metro. As many as 42.59% households in the city spend less than
- Rs 10,000 per month, nearly 80% do not own computers, and 29% do not have access to tap water within households. Almost all households have toilets.
- Nearly three-fourth of the population depends on government facilities; of the 2.60% who suffer from chronic illnesses, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

'Next Azhar' is a 26-yr-old power hitter from Kerala: 100 in 37 balls



Mohammed Azharuddeen

VISHAL MENON

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

A CRICKET-CRAZY elder brother didn't give him much of a career option by getting him to change his name from Ajmal to Mohammed Azharuddeen. Moreover, he hailed from Thalangara, that rare town in Kerala on the outskirts of Kasaragod where children prefer to hit the ball with a bat and

But Azharudden knew he needed to do something special to live up to the expectations of that brother, Kamaruddeen, a "lifelong fan" of Indian batting great Mohammad Azharuddin. Thalangara, too, had high hopes from their "Next Azhar".

On Wednesday, the 26-yearold made his seven brothers, his home town and an entire state

He smashed a 37-ball ton during a 54-ball 137 against Mumbai, hitting nine fours and 11 sixes in the domestic T20 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy game. It was the third-fastest T20 century by an Indian after Rishabh Pant (32 CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

The newly inaugurated genome sequencing laboratory at the IGI Airport in New Delhi on Thursday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

PM to launch vaccine drive, first list up

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will launch the start of the Covid-19 vaccination drive Saturday, connecting with 3,006 vaccination sites across the country via video-conferencing.

The Prime Minister's Office said Modi will address the sites, where over three crore priority groups will be vaccinated over the next few months, at 10.30 am. "Around 100 beneficiaries will be vaccinated at each session site on the inaugural day,"

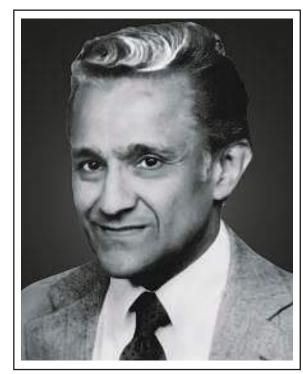
the government said. Senior Health Ministry offi-

cials said the beneficiary list for the first day has already been uploaded on the Co-WIN platform. 'The vaccination session is from 9 am to 5 pm. Whoever comes till 5 pm will be vaccinated even after 5 pm, just like how it happens in elections," an official said.

"Since the bulk registration of healthcare workers has already taken place, they need not individually register. States have been told to ensure that the session sites, including the list of vaccinators and beneficiaries, is

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ASSAM: THIS BIHU, COVID-THEMED BHELAGHORS WARN PEOPLE NOT TO LET THEIR

As Assam celebrates the harvest festival of Magh Bihu, the structure, traditionally known as a bhelaghor, has become a prime attraction in the village of Aamonikhali, drawing visitors for photo-ops.

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BHOOMI ACTOR JAYAM RAVION FARMERS We have to talk about

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The importance of a verdict on India's interfaith marriage law

In today's episode, we're looking at a Allahabad High Court verdict and its impact on India's law for inter-faith marriages.

FROM PAGE ONE

CCI

competition remains "vibrant" and "there are enough players who are able to participate in the award of concessions," CCI Chairperson Ashok Kumar Gupta told The Indian Express. (See interview on Page 17.)

"The policy of the government is to make the economy more efficient, and, in that process, what the CCI can do is look at whether the dominance is abused or not. If there is abuse of dominance. CCI can take action under Section 4 of the Competition Act," Gupta said.

In sectors such as airports, ports and highways, and electricity, concentration of power by itself was not a concern, the regulator said. "In this context, we are reviewing some of the **Model Concession Agreements** in these sectors - those with natural monopolies. What is important is that the tender design for award of Concessions ensures that competition for the market is vibrant — that there are enough players," Gupta said.

Indeed, an interim report on the telecom sector by the Indian Council for Research on Economic Relations (ICRIER) submitted to the CCI is currently being "looked at", an official said. The launch of Reliance Jio in September 2016 triggered a fresh wave of consolidation in the telecom sector. This resulted in the industry shrinking to just three players from close to a dozen a decade ago.

The CCI chief said that given the adoption of new technology, the regulator would apprise the Department Telecommunications of the ar-

eas that could pose a problem. Given the number of M&A eals in the digital sector, the CCI's study is expected to come up with possible criteria to capture transactions for scrutiny. "Dependence of consumers and enterprises on a few large digi-

questions," Gupta said. Consolidation has played out since liberalisation with an everexpanding list of sectors where the top one or two companies account for 80 per cent or more

tal platforms raises many novel

of the profits generated. In paints (Asian Paints, Berger Paints); premium cooking oil (Marico, Adani); biscuits (Britannia, Parle); hair oil (Marico, Bajaj Corp); infant milk powder (Nestle); cigarettes

(ITC); adhesives (Pidilite), waterproofing (Pidilite); trucks (Tata Motors, Ashok Leyland); small cars (Maruti, Hyundai), one or two companies account for 80 per cent of the profits generated, according to investment advisory firm Marcellus.

SC committee

Coordination Committee recused himself from the courtappointed panel and said "I will always stand with my farmers and Puniab".

Farmer unions spearheading the protests had rejected the committee, saying its members backed the new farm laws.

In a statement Thursday, 81vear-old Mann, a former Rajya Sabha member, said he was "thankful to Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for nominating" him to the committee". "As a farmer myself and a Union leader, in view of the prevailing sentiments and apprehensions amongst the farm unions and the public, I am ready to sacrifice any position offered or given to me," he said.

Mann decided to opt out even before the committee could hold its first meeting members were supposed to meet at 4 pm Thursday via virtual mode.

The other members of the committee are Parmod Kumar Joshi, agricultural economist and Director for South Asia, International Food Policy Research Institute; Ashok Gulati, agricultural economist; and Anil Ghanwat, president, Shetkari Sanghatana.

It was not clear whether Mann had been sounded before being named to the panel – he was not available for comments Thursday. But Ghanwat told *The* Indian Express that he did get a call from the Supreme Court before being named for the panel.

News agency PTI quoted Ghanwat saying "the first sitting will have to be held before January 20. It will be held with existing members. Most probably, the meeting will be on January 19 in Pusa campus".

Farmer unions said it was "good on the part of Mann" to leave the committee before drawing more criticism.

Harvana BKU president Gurnam Singh Chaduni said: "We don't accept the committee, so what difference does it make whether or not he leaves the panel. Somebody else may be included... We won't go to the

panel." Punjab unit (Mann) removed Mann and said it had no ties with the AIKCC that

he heads.

Baldev Singh Mianpur, president of BKU (Mann) Punjab, said: "We have been very upset with him... He told me it was a proud moment for him the

panel would work for Punjab farmers.' But the Haryana unit

BKU (Mann)

stood behind its leader. State unit president

Prakash, a close associate of Mann, said that

they backed his stand. "We are in support of the three farm laws as we are in favour of an open market." Guni Prakash said.

Mann's recusal came on the eve of the next round of talks between the Centre and the farmer unions. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar told reporters that the government was ready to talk to the unions "with an open mind".

Cotton, paddy

Yet Golta and Tiwana are part of the ongoing farmer agitation against the Centre's farm laws. "I received the MSP this time, but not in the previous years, when the CCI people would enter only after we had sold at below MSP to private traders. This agitation is to ensure that we are paid MSP every year," said Golta.

According to Tiwana, who has been organising supplies for the langar (community kitchen) at Tikri, the CCI was active this season only "because of our protests". The government, he said, basically wanted to "show" that there's nothing wrong with its farm laws.

These large-scale and timely purchases by CCI have not only helped small growers like Golta and Tiwana realise the MSP, but have also led to open market prices rising above the MSP.

An official of the CCI at Bathinda told The Indian Express: "We have made record purchases this season. In fact, we have stopped buying in the past 10-12 days. There's no need when prices are ruling above MSP. Small and marginal farmers have anyway sold to us."

The firming up of prices is being attributed to increased export demand, especially from China. The US has projected its cotton imports to surge from 15.54 lakh tonnes in 2019-20 (August-July) to 22.86 lakh tonnes this year.

Brazil

Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the vaccines without jeopardising the Indian vaccination programme.

Sources said Brazilian authorities have struck a commercial deal with Serum Institute of India in Pune, with reports from Brazil indicating that the Chinese vaccines deployed in the country are of less efficacy than claimed.

While the first consignment will be from Serum, Brazil has also selected Bharat Biotech's vaccine, sources said.

"There is no point storing more vaccines beyond India's current capacity. So the vaccine export to other countries doesn't affect India's vaccination plans," a senior government official told The Indian Express.

The flight from Brazil was expected to land in Mumbai Friday but is likely to be delayed by a day with Reuters quoting Brazil's Health Ministry as citing "international logistical issues".

With Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka also looking at India, officials said the country's low-cost vaccine could turn out to be part of its "vaccine diplomacy".

The Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson Anurag Srivastava, however, said that supplying vaccines to other countries "may take some time".

"It is too early to give a specific response on the supplies to other countries as we are still assessing production schedules and availability," he said.

Vaccine drive

ready two days prior to each vaccination round. Therefore, for Day 1, states have finalised the beneficiary list," the official

Sources said that the request by Jammu & Kashmir and Chhattisgarh to provide an offline mechanism to upload realtime data, given their remote lo-

Finance, Niti Aayog raised red flags before Adani's clean sweep of 6 airports

at Mundra, the Adani Group is today the country's largest private developer in terms of number of airports handled; and the second largest, in terms of passenger traffic, over a span of just 20 months.

The seven airports --Ahmedabad, Mangalore, Lucknow, Jaipur, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram, alongside Mumbai -- together handled 7.90 crore passengers during the last fiscal (2019-20).

In addition to this, the Mundra airport, to where commercial flights started in 2018 under the government's regional connectivity scheme, has also been cleared to be converted into a

full-fledged international commercial airport. Following the GVK deal. Adani also has a controlling stake in the upcoming Greenfield airport in Navi

Records show that before bids were invited for the privatisation of the airports at Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangalore, Jaipur, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram – the NDA government's biggest privatisation programme so far the Centre's Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) discussed the Civil Aviation Ministry's proposal for the process on December 11, 2018.

During the discussions, according to minutes of the meeting accessed by The Indian Express, a note from the Department of Economic Affairs said: "These six airports projects are highly capital-intensive projects, hence it is suggested to incorporate the clause that not more than two airports will be awarded to the same hidder duly factoring the high financial risk and performance issues."

The DEA's note, dated December 10, 2018, to the PP-PAC was submitted by a director in the department's PPP cell.

The DEA cited the precedent of the Delhi and Mumbai airports, where GMR, despite being the only qualified bidder originally, was not given both the airports. It also referred to the privatisation of Delhi's power distribution.

At the PPPAC meeting, according to the minutes, there was no discussion on this red

flag raised by the DEA. On the same day as the DEA note, the NITI Aayog also raised a separate concern regarding the airport bidding. Said a memo prepared by the PPP vertical of the government's key policy think-tank: "A bidder lacking sufficient technical capacity can well jeopardise the project and compromise the

WHERE THEY STAND Share of national passengers handled of airports 2020 2019-20 2017-18 2019-20 2017-18 2018 Adani Group 8* 7.90 cr 124** 23.2% 0.00004% 83 12.51 cr 13.67 cr 36.7% 44.3% **GMR** 2 2 8.89 cr 8.39 cr 26.1% 27.2% GVK*** 0 2 7.53 cr 0.0% 24.4% Other JV airports**** 3 2 1.42 cr 1.33 cr 4.2% 4.3%

*Includes Mumbai airport, which was acquired from GVK in August 2020

*Traffic for Mundra airport, which started commercial flights under RCS in February 2018

Includes Bengaluru airport, in which GVK sold its stake to Fairfax in July 2017 **Includes Cochin International Airport, Nagpur Airport, and Kannur International Airport (which started

commercial operations in December 2018) #National traffic data includes traffic for state government and privately run airports Source: AAI

quality of services".

In response to this, the PP-PAC, chaired by the then DEA Secretary SC Garg -- the first note of objection was, ironically, from his department -- said that the EGoS (empowered group of secretaries) had already decided that "Prior airport experience may neither be made a prerequisite for bidding, nor a post-bid requirement. This will enlarge the competition for brownfield airports, which are already func-

Garg, who was transferred from the finance ministry to power ministry in July 2019 and is now an advisor to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, did not respond to gueries on the issue.

A year after it won the bids for the six airports, the Adani Group signed concession agreements for Ahmedabad. Mangaluru and Lucknow airports in February 2020. A month later, the Adani

Group invoked a Covid 19-linked force majeure to seek a delay until February 2021 in taking over the three airports from AAI, citing difficulties in the transitioning processes, particularly with regard to the airport staff. The AAI had asked the Group to take over the three airports by November 2020. Three of these six airports — Ahmedabad, Mangaluru and Lucknow were consequently handed over to the Adani Group in November 2020. The concession agreement for the other three airports

Jaipur, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram — were signed between AAI and Adani Group in September.

lust under six months after it sought more time from AAI citing the Covid-19 pandemic, the Adani Group went on to acquire a controlling interest in the country's second largest airport in Mumbai and the upcoming Greenfield airport in Navi Mumbai from the Hyderabadbased GVK Group.

During the bidding process

for the six AAI-run airports, the Adani Group outbid its rivals, including experienced players such as GMR Group, Zurich Airport and Cochin International Airport Ltd in addition to other infrastructure players, by a big margin in each of the six bids, thereby winning the rights to operate all six airports for a period of 50 years. This is a departure from the

privatisation of Delhi and Mumbai airports, where the concession period was 30 years, in addition to the AAI holding 26% equity in both these air-Incidentally, the govern-

ment's first target to hand the airports over to Adani Group in November 2019 coincided with a clearance from the

Competition Commission of India for the group's acquisition of a minority stake in Mumbai airport from two South African companies Bidvest and Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA).

In its order, the CCI pointed out the nature of an airport's "geographical monopoly" and said that the geographic market, in this case, "appears to be as narrow as each of the airport of the parties (i.e. Adani and MIAL), as for providing or availing any services at the airports, the service provider/consumer needs to have access to the facilities / premises of the concerned air-

Establishing this, the CCI said that presence of both the parties in the same line of business was not likely to raise any competition concerns "as presently no other airport wherein Adani group has stake operates within the vicinity of MIAL".

Even as CCI cleared the minority stake purchase in Mumbai airport by the Adani Group, concerns flagged by the Department of Economic Affairs about a single company having a significant hold over several key infrastructure projects were reinforced.

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trict level. "Since he was the

youngest, we would indulge

him. All his wishes were ful-

By the time Azharudeen was

15, he was admitted to the

Kerala Cricket Association

Academy in Kottayam.

filled." savs Kamaruddeen.

The GVK Group, which had signed an agreement with investors including India's sovereign fund NIIF in October 2019. trying to fend off Adani Group from getting into Mumbai airport, gave in and agreed to cooperate with the Ahmedabadbased conglomerate in August 2020.

On August 31, GVK Group signed an agreement to let Adani Enterprises acquire its stake in Mumbai airport and Navi Mumbai airport.

According to a notification by the CCI, the acquisition of MIAL by Adani Group was "deemed approved", given that there was no overlap of businesses offered by either of the parties in the relevant geographic market. The CCI notification was uploaded in September 2020. The AAI, which holds 26 per cent in MIAL has also approved Adani Group's acquisition of the country's second largest airport.

Incidentally, just a month before it decided to throw in the towel. GVK Group had to face the heat from multiple investigative agencies. On July 7, the Enforcement Directorate registered a complaint under Section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against the GVK Group and its chairman GVK Reddy, his son GV Sanjay Reddy and a few others, based on an FIR filed by CBI against them on June 27. The CBI alleged irregularities of over Rs 705 crore in the development of Mumbai international airport.

E-mails sent to the Adani Group and the Ministry of Civil Aviation did not elicit a response. Sources at the Adani Group said the bidding was as per specified norms that followed "due process and due diligence." Asked about the delay in taking over the three airports from AAI they said that was on account of "difficulties anticipated in transitioning of airport staff and personnel in the middle of the pan-

used down the order at No.6 and No.7, and that did not suit his game," says Yohannan.

It was during the Covid lockdown that Azharudden seemed to have decided that time was running out. "He called me when I was appointed coach and asked where I would slot him in the batting order. I had no doubt because I had always thought of opening with him in limited overs cricket," says Yohannan.

Delhi survey most have diabetes.

■ Around one-fourth of the children 0-5 years have not received

ings of a Delhi government survev. the biggest of its kind, covering 1.02 crore people, conducted between November 2018 and

New Delhi

November 2019. The report, finalised in November 2020, reveals the socio-economic composition of the city, including details on religion, caste, income, education, employment.

The survey had been ordered following deaths of three minor girls of suspected starvation in East Delhi's Mandawali in July 2018. The family did not have a ration card, and a government probe found that the local anganwadi centre had fudged records after the deaths.

As per the 2011 Census, Delhi has a population of 1.67 crore.

Conducted by over 6,000 field workers, the survey's most revealing findings concern education and early childhood development. They show that 2,21,694 children between the ages of 6 and 17 (or 9.76% of total) were out of the school system, including 1,31,584 who had dropped out and 90,110 who had never attended school.

"The predominant reason for not attending school in the age group of 6-17 years is reported as financial constraint (29.2%)," the survey report says. As many as 13.50% were "engaged in domestic duties", 12.17% gave "desired education level achieved" as the reason, while 9.37% were said to be "engaged in economic activities".

Of the total population of Delhi, 11.04% comprised children in the age group of 0-6 years, of whom just over half (55.40%) attended anganwadi centres. Among pregnant women aged 18 years and above, 47.15% were found to be

attending these centres. The survey found that 47.31% households in Delhi spent Rs 10.000-Rs 25,000 every month, while 42.5% incurred a monthly expenditure of Rs 10,000 or below. The share of those spending Rs 25,000-Rs 50,000 stood at 8.44%, and only 1.66% households spent over Rs 50,000 per month. The per capita income of Delhi was Rs 3.89 lakh in 2019-20 (or over Rs 32,000 a month).

A little over 21% of the 20.05 lakh households surveyed used desktops or laptops. Of these, 80.15% had Internet connection.

The survey also found that as much as 72.87% of the city's population availed treatment at government hospitals and dispensaries, with the remaining dependent on private facilities. Around 2.60% of the city's to-

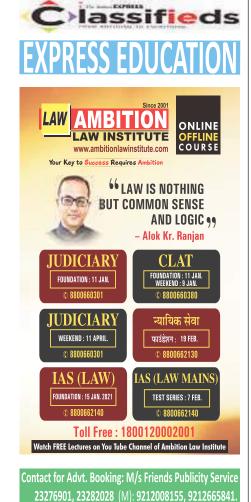
tal population was found to be "suffering from some kind of chronic illness", and of them, 36.33% had diabetes (43.34% in Central district), followed by 21.75% with cardiac illnesses (including hypertension and blood circulatory disease) and 9.17% had respiratory diseases.

In another significant finding, as the coronavirus vaccination drive begins Friday, the survey found that nearly one-fourth of the children in the age group 0-5 years had not received nor were receiving vaccination those who were covered comprised 77.54%. In terms of absolute numbers, out of 9.5 lakh children falling in the 0-5 age bracket, 2.13 lakh had not received vaccination.

On availability of water, the survey found that only 37.75% people in the South East district had access within their households, as opposed to 90% in Shahdara district. The city's overall average was 70.98%. About 43.28% of the 1.86 lakh households in the South East district depended on bottled water, with the overall share being 7.76% in the total population. Of the total, 1.01 lakh households depended on tankers.

Of the 20.5 lakh households, 18.7 lakh had toilets, 1.22 lakh depended on community toilets and 11,497 figured under the

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cations where Internet connectivity is not strong, has been approved. "However, directions have been given that the upload of the offline data be done the same day to ensure that people are not missed," an official said.

The Health Ministry also announced that the next National Polio Immunisation Day has been rescheduled to January 31, from January 17.

'Next Azhar'

"Not just us, but the whole of Thalangara was glued to the TV to watch him bat," says Kamaruddeen.

balls) and Rohit Sharma (35

With video clips of Azharuddeen's batting racing through social media, India cricket circles couldn't hide the

excitement of hearing that familiar and popular name once again. The high priest of big-hitting, Virender Sehwag, tweeted: "Wah Azharudeen, behtareen!" It was a quality Mumbai at-

tack. But Azharuddeen dispatched former India pacer Dhawal Kulkarni and IPL 2020's new star Tushar Deshpande over the fence to help Kerala chase 196 with 4.1 overs to spare. The one blow that resonated the most was a Rohit Sharma-like flick off the hips, a shot that needs a sharp eye and perfect timing.

Says former India pacer and Kerala coach Tinu Yohannan: "I was expecting such an innings from him but not of this magni-The role played by his seven

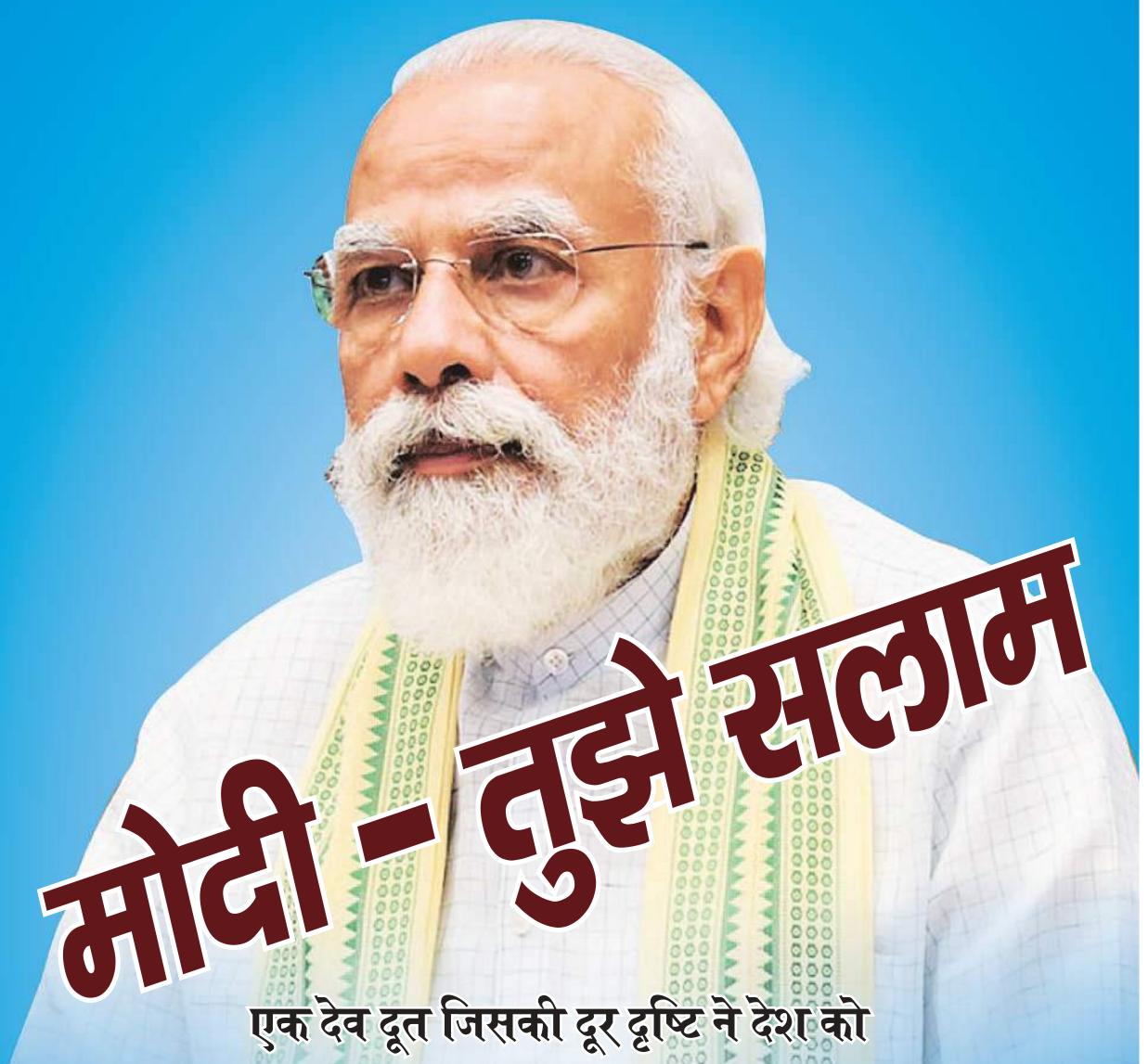
brothers can't be undermined –

"Thalangara has a very good ecosystem for budding cricketers. We have around 20 clubs,' says Unais, another brother. Ever since Azaruddeen broke

into the Kerala squad six seasons ago, he has been dubbed as "Azhar in the making". But with a first-class average of 25.91 after 22 games, and an equally middling average of 23.76 from 21 T20s, his returns were underwhelming. "He has always been a big hitter. He was not used in an appropriate position. He was

any vaccination. These are among the find-

open defecation category. **FULL REPORTS ON**



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Schools reopen in Punjab but many kids stay on at farm protest site

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

EVEN AS the Punjab government has allowed all schools in the state to reopen from classes V to XII. several children continue to be part of the farmers' protest at Singhu border in the capital.

Among the children at the border is 13-year-old Jashanpreet Singh, a class VIII student from Khairpur Jatta village in Patiala district. He had arrived with his uncle Jasvinder Singh on Wednesday. Jasvinder said the family did not hesitate to send him along despite school opening because "school abhi theek thaak se nahi khule hai".

"Schools are functioning for 2-3 hours in a day, they have not opened properly... In our village, we are taking turns to come to the border. While we were at home, he was going to school. We came yesterday, and he did his online studies in the evening in the trolley. Once we go back to the village in about a week or 10 days, he will attend school again," he said.

Last week, schools in Punjab reopened for classes V to VIII with optional attendance, conditional to consent from parents. Earlier in October last year, schools were allowed to re-open for classes IX to XII.

Harinder Singh, an elder member of Jashanpreet's village, explained why many farmers have felt that it is important to include children in the protest: "It is very important that children and the younger generation see this protest. Children will learn about it — the struggle, our interests and our culture — and will one day be able to proudly say that they were a part of it," he said.

Amarinder Singh from



Punjab's Fatehgarh district has a at home. We will all continue to daughter in class VII and has received a notification from her school that it will reopen on January 18. But she is currently at Singhu with her parents who have decided they will continue to remain there

"Our entire family has been a part of the protest for more than a month, and I've been the only person going back from time to time to look after work

Children make anti-farm law posters at Singhu on Thursday. Amit Mehra

remain here. We care about her studies but right now, we are most worried about our livelihood. She too said she wanted to join the protest with us and it is for them that we are fightng," he said

Many older children have been an active part of the protest throughout.

Nirmal Singh, a class XI student at a private school, and Arshpreet Singh, a class XII student at a government school, are part of a group of youngsters from their village in Bhatinda district who arrived at Singhu on

"My parents told me I should be in school but didn't stop me from coming to Delhi. They were part of earlier groups who came here. We're leaving tomorrow and will come back before January 26 with tractors from the village. My exams will be beginning on January 19 but I don't think I'll be writing them," said Nirmal.

Arshpreet said they had been attending classes in the village and though there are online classes happening, they cannot study through the buzz of the protest.

UNION MINISTER MEETS MCD OFFICIALS

Civic bodies revoke no chicken order after Centre steps in

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

A DAY after imposing a ban on the sale and storage of "poultry, processed or packaged chicken meat", Delhi's civic bodies revoked the decision on Thursday following a meeting with Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry Girirai Kishore Singh.

After the meeting, in which mayors and commissioners of all East Delhi Mayor Nirmal Jain said it was decided that the decision will be revoked. "The minister said there have been no cases of bird flu among people in Delhi for the past several years and there was no need for such a decision," said Jain. Singh in a tweet said: "A

meeting was held today with the



The ban had drawn criticism. Praveen Khanna

Deputy CM of Delhi and the three chairmen of the Municipal Corporations of Delhi. Discussed bird flu and reiterated the need to follow protocol as previously

Sources in the civic bodies

said the central ministry was unhappy with the move.

The North Delhi Municipal Corporation and South Delhi Municipal Corporation had also ordered restaurants not to serve "poultry meat, poultry products

and egg-based dishes". This decision, too, has been revoked The East Delhi Municipal Corporation had refrained from issuing any orders to restaurants.

The decision had led to criticism from several quarters with traders and restaurants saying it will affect their business which has already been hit due to Covid — further.

The corporations, in its orders issued on Wednesday, had said all meat and poultry shops and meat processing units in areas under the NDMC/SDMC/ EDMC are prohibited to sell, store poultry or processed or packaged chicken meat with immediate effect, till fur-

The civic bodies had also warned that any violation would lead to revocation of the shop's



FLY BY

At the Yamuna banks on Thursday. Delhi's air quality slipped into the severe category Thursday and is not expected to improve over the next three days, in what is forecast as the first "extended extreme air pollution" episode of the new year. Tashi Tobgyal

'Freedom 251' smartphone man held in dry fruits scam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

THE MAN behind the 'country's cheapest smartphone' scam has been arrested by Noida Police in connection with another fraud. According to police, Mohit Goel and his associate Omprakash Jangid allegedly cheated dry fruit traders and sellers to the tune of Rs 200 crore.

In 2017, Goel was arrested for alleged non-payment of dues following the announcement of the 'cheapest smartphone', called Freedom, priced at Rs 251

Luv Kumar, Addl Commissioner of Police, Gautam Budh Nagar, said: "We received complaints in Noida that a company called Dubai Dry Fruits was carrying out financial fraud under

Mohit Goel has 21 cases, including for fraud. against him

were purchasing dry fruits and other food items from vendors at a high price and selling them at an even higher price. They would give some amount as advance and pocket the rest. We traced their company to Noida and arrested the two accused. One accused is the same person who was arrested for offering cheap mobile phones earlier."

the guise of trade. The accused

According to police, the accused had set up the company in a plush office space in Sector 62 to make it seem legitimate. They

ther fool customers into believing their operations are authentic. The accused essentially would issue bounced cheques to traders and file false cases against them if they demanded payment, police said. The accused used the company as a front for their scam and appointed dummy directors at senior positions.

also hired three foreigners to fur-

During investigation, police found multiple complaints against Goel in Haryana, Punjab, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, UP and Karnataka, Police recovered 60 kg of dry fruits and an Audi from the possession of the accused. He had invested Rs 10 crore in the company, police said.

Goel, who hails from Rajasthan, has 21 cases including those of fraud and criminal intimidation against him.

Media design to prejudice opinion, says **Umar Khalid**

New Delhi: Former JNU student Umar Khalid alleged before a court Thursday that there was a deliberate design by the media and a concerted effort to prejudice opinion against him in a Northeast Delhi riots case.

The submissions were made before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Dinesh Kumar during the hearing on a plea moved by Khalid, in which he alleged a vicious media trial by leaking of the supplementary charge sheet filed against him even before the court took cognizance.

"The adversarial media reports, painting me not only as an accused but almost as guilty, have continued. I want to point it out to you as it is causing me deep distress and clearly affecting my right to a fair trial. The fact that it is continuing even after me pointing it out to you, I see it as a deliberate design," he alleged.

He further claimed that extracts from his alleged disclosure statement, which hold no value in the court of law, have been made into headlines. The judge told Khalid that he can file a separate complaint if he felt there was an alleged vendetta going on against him.

Khalid also requested to go through photos and video footage filed as part of the chargesheet. The judge directed the investigating officer to submit a pen drive with the requested information to the jail superintendent. PTI

Masked men flee with jewellery worth crores

New Delhi: A group of seven-eight armed assailants broke into a Reliance Jewels store in Northwest Delhi and fled with gold and diamond iewellery worth crores, said police on Thursday.

DCP (Northwest) Vijayanta Arya said the incident took place at the store in Maurya Enclave around 4.15 am: "The accused came in a car and threatened the security guard with pistols. They then broke the glass and shutter and went inside. We have come to know that they robbed some of the articles and fled."

They allegedly took two-three bags and filled them with jewellery, and also snatched the guard's phone. After they left, the guard called the manager from a passerby's phone.

Police said only one guard was on duty at night. "We are looking into all CCTVs in the area to identify the car and get more clues. Statements of the witness and staffers have been recorded." said a senior officer. ENS

BRIEFLY —

58-year-old pushed from moving car after robbery

New Delhi: A 58-year-old woman sustained injuries when two men allegedly pushed her from a moving vehicle after robbing her in Northwest Delhi's Adarsh Nagar on Tuesday. Police said the two accused men offered to drop the woman, who was going to meet her daughter in Todapur, but allegedly snatched her bag and jewellery – gold chain, earrings and ring – after she got inside the car. They also allegedly pushed her from the vehicle before fleeing the spot. Police said no arrests have been made in the case yet. DCP(Northwest) Vijayanta Arya said a case of robbery has been registered on the complaint of the woman.

Delhi SCERT raises number of posts

New Delhi: Aimed at enabling the Delhi SCERT to perform better, the number of posts, including academic faculty posts, in it and the pay scales have been increased to bring it on par with the NCERT. ENS

CM directs reopening of Ghazipur poultry market as samples test negative

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI JANUARY 14

poultry birds in the capital as all 100 samples taken from the wholesale poultry market East Delhi's Ghazipur have tested negative, Delhi government officials said on Thursday. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has now issued directions to reopen the market.

In a tweet, Kejriwal said: "Samples taken from poultry markets have tested negative with respect to bird flu. Have directed to open the poultry market and withdraw orders to restrict trade & import of chicken

Results of samples taken from 35 birds at the market came on Wednesday evening, after the three municipal corporations imposed a ban on sale and storage of poultry products, including processed and packaged chicken meat. The ban was revoked on

Rakesh Singh, senior Animal Husbandry Department officer of the Delhi government, said, "Ghazipur is the only licensed poultry market in Delhi from where meat is taken by retailers. All 100 samples taken from here have tested negative for bird flu. Based on this, it can be said that avian influenza has not spread in poultry birds in Delhi."

Singh also said there is less

Teachers not to be deployed for bird flu duty

New Delhi: Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Thursday issued an order against deploying teachers on the field to perform checks against bird flu. "Teachers are not meant for this kind of duty... Moreover, for class X and XII, the government has already announced special practical classes from Monday... It is, therefore, directed that no deployment of teachers is permitted for duties related to prevention of ingress of avian influenza...," Sisodia wrote. The teachers had earlier called the Revenue Department order assigning them the duty as "harassment". ENS

chance of the virus spreading from other birds to poultry: "Poultry birds are taken from the market by retailers in a short duration of 2-4 hours, and more new birds come in.... Their chance of contact with other birds is less because such birds do not come into a market area where there is generally a lot of activity."

However, the virus has been

confirmed in eight samples taken from other birds in the capital, including ducks from Saniay Lake and crows from Mayur Vihar Phase III and Dwarka, Singh said

Officials said 850 bird mortalities, mostly of crows, have been reported in the city from January 6 until Thursday based on calls received on the bird flu helpline. However, officials said, not all of them can be connected to avian influenza and may also be due to cold stress.

Singh said four samples taken from heron birds in Hastsal Park $in West \, Delhi\, were \, also \, suspected$ of having bird flu, based on the results received from Jalandhar-Regional Disease based Diagnostic Laboratory. "These four samples have been sent to a Bhopal-based laboratory for confirmation." he said, adding that a programme to prevent further spread of the virus in underway in the city, as part of which ducks at Sanjay Lake were culled.

He said 11 teams of the department have been collecting samples from areas where a large number of mortalities have been reported and at least five samples were collected on Thursday for

testing It is suspected that the avian influenza virus would have spread in Delhi through ducks. Singh said, "Ducks are normally around water bodies where wild birds also come and the virus spreads this way.'

HC forms panel headed by judge to monitor motor accident claims

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

THE DELHI High Court has constituted a special committee, to be headed by a judge of the court, to supervise the implementation of a scheme formulated by it for Motor Accident Claims. Under the scheme, the investigating officer (IO) is required to send a First Accident Report (FAR) regarding any road accident to the Claims Tribunal and insurance company within 48 hours. It has also directed Delhi Police to set up a monitoring cell in four weeks for implementation of the scheme and upload the FARs on its website.

"India has a dubious distinction of having the highest num-

ber of road accidents," said Justice J R Midha in a ruling regarding motor accident compensation, adding that road safety was an important issue of national concern.

In 2009, the court had formulated the Claims Tribunal Agreed Procedure for timebound settlement of motor accident claims within 90-120 days and later directed Delhi Police to prepare an Accident Investigation Manual and implement a Detailed Accident Report (DAR) procedure on the same lines as is being done in Tamil Nadu.

As per Justice Midha's order, the committee meant to supervise the scheme will be headed by a sitting or former HC judge, will have member secretary, clude a Special Commissioner of Police, an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, and Secretary General of the General Insurance Council as its members. Delhi Police and insurance companies are required to file monthly compliance reports before the committee starting from April 2021.

DSLSA, as convenor and will in-

The court has also directed the road transport ministry to consider the scheme at the time of framing of rules regarding the Accident Information Report. It has also directed Delhi Government to consider amending the Delhi Motor Accident Claims Tribunal Rules. 2008, to incorporate the

'IMPLEMENTATION WILL CAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER FOR STATE'

Haryana rejects draft report that sought more water for Yamuna revival

SHIVAMPATEL

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

THE HARYANA government has rejected a draft report by the National Institute of Hydrology (NIH) that recommended the state to release more water into the Yamuna to help its revival.

A draft report by the institute had stated that the river stretch between Haryana's Hathnikund barrage and Delhi's Okhla needs more water for maintaining its environmental flow (e-flow).

Haryana's additional chief secretary of the environment and climate change department, in a response filed before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on January 6, said the state was releasing 10 cubic metre per second (cumec) of water for maintaining e-flow from the Hathnikund barrage.

"The recommendation of NIH is nearly 300% of the existing eflow of 10 cumecs and the state is

completely in disagreement with the recommendations... as the implementation of the above proposal shall cause environmental disaster in Harvana... It is further informed that the matter has already been taken up by the state with the Ministry of Jal Shakti...to not to accept the report of NIH in this regard," the response stated.

The study by NIH was commissioned in 2018 by the Central water ministry's National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG). The

Yamuna receives a large volume of domestic sewage. Archive

draft final report was discussed in June 2020 in a meeting chaired by central water minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

At present, a minimum of 10 cumec of water is released into the river from Hathnikund barrage except in monsoon months between June and October when it is increased up to 298 cumec. The NIH study recommended that minimum flow of water be increased, from 23 cumec to 34 cumec during lean or non-monsoon months. Between June and October, the flow should be 44 cumec to 220 cumec. The recommendation is aimed at helping the river achieve its ecological functions, such as recharging ground water, supporting biodiversity and aquatic life, and providing for the needs of the population.

The Yamuna receives a large volume of domestic sewage and industrial waste, and almost all freshwater present in it is diverted for various consumptive

New Delhi

Committee to the NGT in June. Opposition to the NIH e-flow study was also made during a meeting last May by Haryana's

purposes at the Hathnikund

barrage, as per a report submit-

ted by the Yamuna Monitoring

additional chief secretary of the irrigation department. He said there was an acute drinking water shortage in the state, and groundwater levels have gone very deep at 78 'over exploited' blocks out of a total 121.

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In the Line of Duty!

Army Day is observed to commemorate the indomitable spirit and courage of Indian soldiers who have laid down their lives in service of the nation, and also marks the historic occasion of transfer of military power from the British to Independent India

History of Army Day

Every year, on January 15, India celebrates Army Day in memory of its valiant sons of the motherland and their triumphant achievements in service of the nation. This year, as India celebrates its 73rd Army Day, it is only apt to remember the various contributions of the Indian Army that have made it a knight in shining armour for the country. Army Day is celebrated to commemorate the occasion when the then Lieutenant General KM Cariappa took over as Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army on January 15, 1949 from General Sir Francis Butcher, the last British Commander-in-Chief of the British Indian Army. Since this was a remarkable event in Indian history, it was decided to celebrate the occasion as Army Day every year. Needless to say, Army Day marks the transfer of power from the British to Independent India.

Field Marshal KM Cariappa Popularly known as "Kipper", KM

Cariappa was the first Indian Commander-In-Chief of the Indian Army. With a military career spanning three decades, he is one of the only two Indian Army officers to hold the five-star rank of Field Marshal, the other being the legendary Sam Manekshaw. Much before India got independent,

Cariappa had seen action in Iraq, Syria, Iran, and Burma and became the first Indian Officer to be given command of a unit in 1942. His unrelenting patriotism and secular beliefs blazed a trail for the Indian Army throughout his service years.

According to Global Fire Power Index 2020, India's army is considered the world's fourth strongest army. According to this power index, America, Russia, and China have a better army than India. India's neighbour Pakistan is ranked 15th

Importance of Artillery to Army

In any army, not many people are aware that time and again, "artillery has proven to be the arm of decision, a battle-winning factor and will continue to be the pivotal arm in all future battles." The WAVE MAKING LIVES BETTER

importance of artillery can be ascertained from the fact that throughout the history of warfare, "the ability to project firepower at a distance has always been one of the most important assets any commander could ask for, and over the ages, artillery has proved its mettle."

The health of the Indian Artillery was finally restored when, in 2018, the current regime, under the leadership of PM Modi, resorted to bring change in its status quo by bringing in long-pending developments. The government's trust and emphasis on 'Make in India' initiative reflects its deep commitment to make India self-reliant. The recent import embargo on 101 defence equipment is a true

'Made in India' category.



APART FROM WARS, THE ARMY HAS CONDUCTED PEACETIME EXERCISES SUCH AS OPERATION **BRASSTACKS AND EXERCISE SHOOR VEER, AND IT** HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MANY UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS, INCLUDING THOSE IN: CYPRUS, LEBANON, CONGO, ANGOLA, CAMBODIA, VIETNAM, NAMIBIA, EL SALVADOR, LIBERIA, MOZAMBIQUE, SOUTH SUDAN, AND SOMALIA.

lenges on the battlefield.

Army Day Celebrations

Army Day is celebrated across the country and at all Army Command headquarters with great pomp and show, with many parades and Military Shows being organised. Several regiments of the Indian Army take part in the celebrations, which are held annually at the Army Paall serving Indian army personnel take a pledge on this historic day.

In UN Peacekeeping Missions

The Indian Army is certainly the pride of every Indian, and admired the world over, even by its rival forces, for its professionalism and commitment in the line of duty. The Indian Army is considered among the most trusted forces at the UN

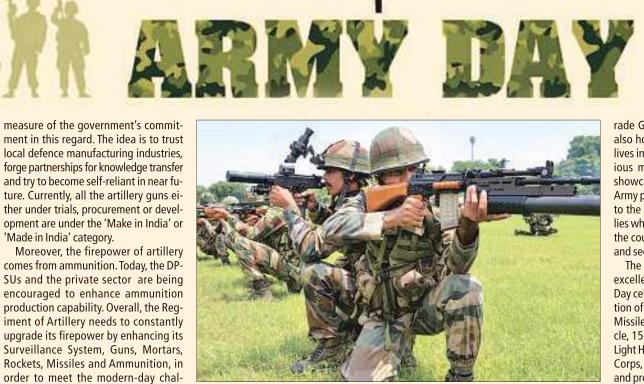
> and is integral to security and development in the border areas of the country. The Indian Army is also one of the largest troop contributors in UN Peacekeeping Missions.

> Apart from wars, the army has conducted peacetime exercises such as Operation Brasstacks and Exercise Shoor Veer, and it has also been ac-

tively involved in many United Nations peacekeeping missions, including those in: Cyprus, Lebanon, Congo, Angola, Cambodia, Vietnam, Namibia, El Salvador, Liberia, Mozambique, South Sudan, and Somalia.

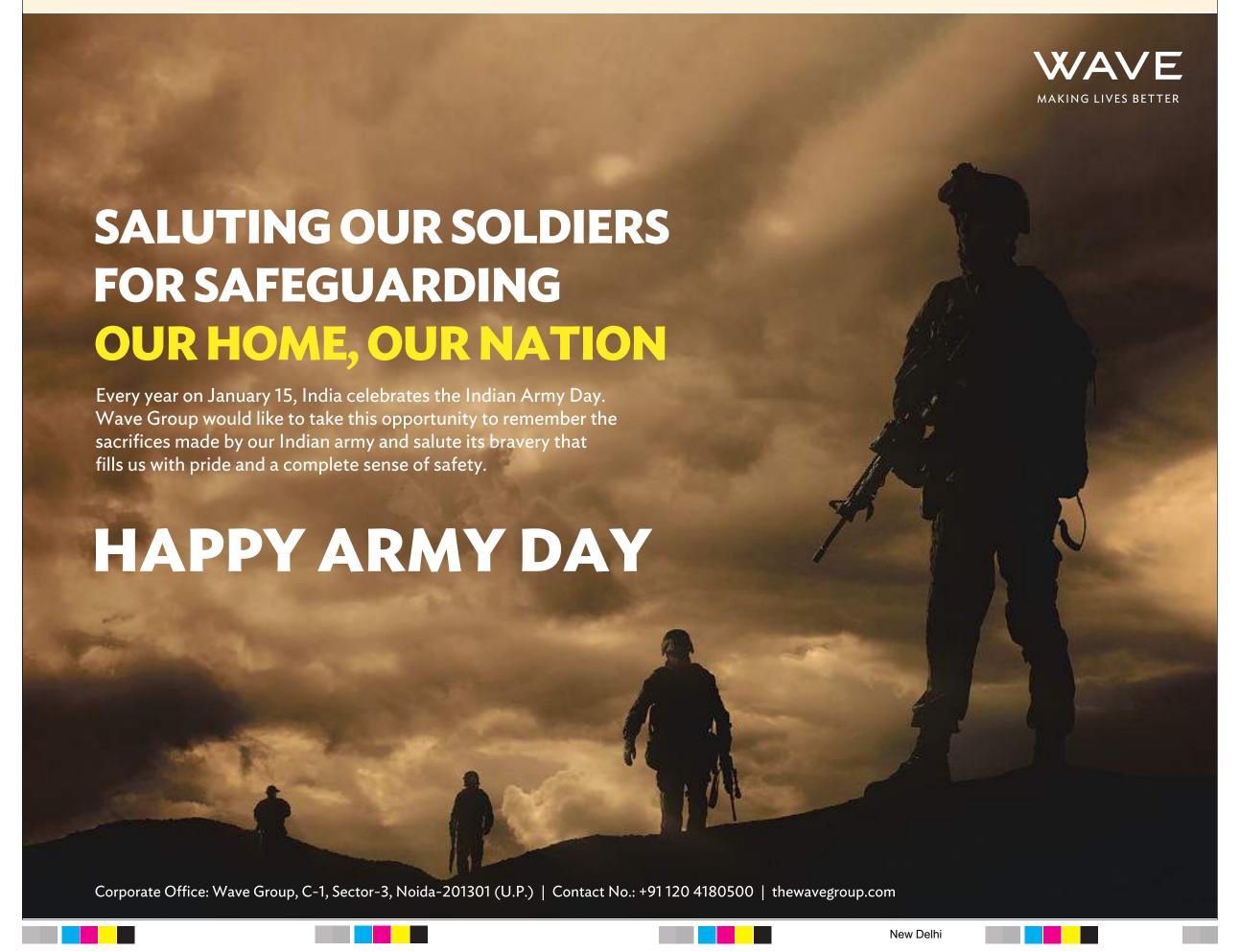
The Indian Army is currently modernising its forces to be future ready, as part of its commitment to national security and global peace. The Indian Army shoulders unlimited responsibility for the safety and security of the nation, with its personnel serving without any regard for their personal safety. The Indian Army's stories of valour have left their mark on the national consciousness, inspiring citizens, especially the youth, to serve the country with devotion.





rade Ground, New Delhi. The event also honours soldiers who lost their lives in combat. Soldiers perform various military drills during the day, showcasing the might of the Indian Army personnel. The day is dedicated to the brave soldiers and their families who safeguard the sovereignty of the country and keep the nation safe and secure with constant vigil.

The Indian army soldiers perform excellent parade during the Army Day celebration, including the exhibition of BLT T-72, T-90 tanks, Brahmos Missile, Carrier Mortar Tracked Vehicle, 155 MM Soltam Gun, Advanced Light Helicopters of the Army Aviation Corps, etc. To maintain their service and protect the nation from enemies,



Sisodia, MCDs

grant for salary

ABHINAV RAJPUT

officials

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

THE DELHI government has given

Rs 938 crore to the MCDs which

will be used to pay employees

their salary dues, said civic body

said they would continue their

strike till there is a permanent so-

lution to the problem. The three

MCDs have been facing strikes by

teachers, health workers and sub-

ordinate staff over salary delays

In a press conference on

Thursday, Deputy CM Manish

Sisodia hit out at the MCDs: "Even

the Delhi government is short of

funds. Our revenue used to be

50%, but only half of that tax

money is coming in. We have also

had to stop many schemes to

budget. After seeing the suffering

of MCD employees, on the orders

of the Honourable Chief Minister,

the Delhi government has

arranged Rs 938 crore from other

years ago and has completely

bankrupted the three municipal

bodies. Now, only Rs 12 crore is

left in the bank accounts of North

MCD, while the East MCD only

said, "Though the money will

help to some extent, salaries due

by North MCD alone comes to Rs

1.500 crore for the last five-six

months... Rs 13,000 crore is due

North MCD mayor Jai Prakash

has Rs 99 lakh," he said.

"The BJP came to power 14

departments and schemes."

over the last few months.

However, different unions

spar over Rs 938 cr

75 VACCINE SITES FOR COVISHIELD, 6 FOR COVAXIN

Capital gets 2.74 lakh doses; vaccinations 4 times a week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

AUTHORITIES IN Delhi will vaccinate around 8,000 healthcare workers daily across 81 sites initially, for which the Centre has sent 2.74 lakh doses, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Thursday.

During a webcast after reviewing preparations for the vaccination drive, which starts on January 16, Kejriwal said around 2.4 lakh healthcare workers have registered across the capital to get vaccinated against Covid-19.

"I took stock of the situation. All preparations have been made and all the teams are ready for the drive. We have received around 2.74 lakh vaccine doses from the Centre until now. As you know, every person will receive two doses, and the government gives 10 per cent extra to meet any contingency. The doses received are sufficient to cover approximately 1.2 lakh healthcare workers. Around 2.4 lakh healthcare workers have registered across Delhi," he said.

Of the 81 health facilities, 40 are government-run and the rest private. "Seventy-five sites are for administering Covishield vaccine and six for Covaxin, on the vaccination rollout day," a senior official said. Covaxin will be administered at AIIMS, Safdarjung Hospital, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Kalawati Saran Children Hospital and ESI Hospitals at Basai Darapur and Rohini.

"The vaccine will be administered on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, while the rest of the days have been spared for routine vaccination process," Kejriwal said.

"People are in distress due to corona for the last one year, and I hope and pray to God that the people of Delhi, the country, and the world will be able to get relief after the vaccine comes," added



At a vaccination centre in Darya Ganj. Praveen Khanna

4 DEATHS TODAY — LOWEST SINCE APRIL 17

New Delhi: The capital recorded four Covid-19 deaths Friday, the lowest since April 17, according to Health Minister Satyendar Jain. The health bulletin also put Thursday's positivity rate at 0.48%. which the government said was an "all time low".

The 340 fresh cases reported on Thursday were based on 71,325 tests, of

which 39,226 were carried out through the RT-PCR mode. "Wear mask and follow social distancing to keep yourself and your family safe," Jain tweeted.

A status check of Covid-19 dedicated hospitals shows that 10,754 beds out of 11,953 are vacant. There are 1,311 Covid patients under home isolation as of now. ENS

Coronavirus In	THE CAPITAL

All In Ti	OTAL CASES		Total	Vacant
ACCOUNT OF THE PARTY OF		HOSPITAL BEDS	11,953	10,754
6,31,589		VENTILATORS	1,428	1,098
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Jan 13	357	534	11	70,745
Jan 14	340	390	4	71,325
Total	2,937*	6,17,930	10,722	96,66,727
			*Tota	al active cases

the chief minister.

The government also plans to gradually scale up the number of vaccination sites to 1,080. But in the first round of augmentation, the number of centres will rise from 81 to 175, the CM said, adding that at each site, 100 persons will be inoculated on an average.

The northwest and west districts will have 11 vaccination centres each - among the highest — followed by the southeast district. The northeast district will have two centres.

So far, the government has identified around 600 sites, the list of which has been shared with the Centre.

The government has also directed the district magistrates to gradually draw up 1,100 teams – from 135 teams in Southwest district to 71 in Northeast district to carry out the vaccination drive.

According to health officials, the city has so far received around 2.64 lakh doses of Serum Institute of India's Covishield vaccine, while the remaining doses are Covaxin from Bharat

Gurgaon gets 45,000 doses to begin with

SAKSHI DAYAL GURGAON, JANUARY 14

GURGAON RECEIVED the first round of coronavirus vaccine meant for use in the district and for distribution to surrounding districts Thursday, with officials stating that over 85,000 doses of Covishield had been transported to the Regional and District Vaccine Store in Pataudi.

Speaking to *The Indian* press, Civil Surgeon Dr Virender Yadav said, "Since Gurgaon is the regional vaccine store, we have received 85,480 vaccine doses, of which 44,950 are meant for Gurgaon. The remaining will be transported to other districts - Faridabad, Mewat, Rewari, and Palwal – for which Gurgaon is the store."

Officials said while Faridabad will get 22,620 doses, Mewat, Palwal and Rewari will receive 7,120, 5,090, and 5,700 doses of the vaccine respectively.

Apart from Covishield, officials said Gurgaon will also receive 11,400 doses of Covaxin by Thursday night. "Of these, Gurgaon and Faridabad will get 4,200 doses each, while Palwal will get 3,000 doses," said Dr

The process of vaccination will begin in Gurgaon on Saturday, with six centres already earmarked for the purpose in the district — Government Primary School in Wazirabad; Government Primary School in Daulatabad; Medanta - The Medicity in Sector 39; Urban Primary Health Centre in Choma; SGT Medical College; and Primary Health Centre in Bhangrola.

The first phase will kick off with healthcare workers being administered the vaccine, followed by frontline workers such as police personnel and civil defense personnel, people above the age of 50, and those below 50 years of age with comorbidities. Each person will be administered two doses of the vaccine, 28 days apart.

Officials said around 40,000 healthcare workers will be administered the vaccine in the first phase.

नीलामी सूचना

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sent to a correctional home, said police Kumar, and his friend, Param

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Hansh Pandey, were attacked on Tuesday. "Pandey told police that the

incident took place on January 12 when they were returning home from work. Near Prem Nagar, four-five persons stopped his friend and started beating him up. One of them whipped out a knife and stabbed him twice. When he intervened, he was also stabbed. He managed to get home and his wife took him to Acharya Bhikshu hospital," said a senior police officer.

Police came to know of the incident after they received a PCR call that a man was lying in a pool of blood. He was rushed to a hospital by his family, where

he was declared dead on arrival.

"The district forensic crime team was called and they took fingerprints from the spot. Doctors told police that the victim sustained two deep stab wounds. Police also came to know from the hospital about Pandey," an officer said.

An FIR was registered on Pandey's complaint.

"Police also scanned CCTV footage of the crime scene and found footage of the attack. The son of the man with whom the victim got into a fight roped in his associates to take revenge. A raid was conducted and the iuveniles were apprehended," the police officer said.

Ministry of Minority Affairs Government of India

Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)

NOTICE



Ministry of Minority Affairs invites request for proposal (RFP) in the prescribed format from the eligible organizations/institutions for empanelment to undertake training programme under Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Craft for Development (USTTAD) for the year 2020-21, USTTAD scheme aims to preserve heritage of traditional arts and crafts of minority communities and build capacity of traditional crafts persons and artisans and establish marketing linkages, RFP document containing list of indicative traditional Arts/Crafts and is placed on the Ministry's website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in and on the USTTAD Scheme portal http://usttad.minorityaffairs.gov.in

The following eligible organizations may apply:

- Societies registered under Societies Registration Act for at least three years and having experience of conducting such traditional skill development courses with established market linkages.
- Any private recognized/registered professional institution of repute conducting such traditional skill development courses for at least last three years with established market linkages.
- Any industry or an association of industries who are willing to run such training centres as per financial norms 4. of the scheme with a proper plan.
- Any institution of Central/State Governments including Universities, Public Sector Undertakings and Training institutes of Central/State Governments including Panchayati Raj Training institutions having the capacity to conduct such training programmes.
- 1. Institutions/organizations should be registered on the portal of NITI Aayog Darpan Portal.
- 2. Proposal should be submitted online on the USTTAD Portal of MoMA http://usttad.minorityaffairs.gov.in
- The selection of the PIAs will be made on the basis of information/documents submitted by the them. If the information/documents submitted by any PIAs is/are S found to be false at any stage, the empanelment of such PIAs will be cancelled immediately and coercive action 2 will be taken against such PIAs.
- Detailed guidelines, eligibility criteria and proposal format is available on www.minorityaffairs.gov.in & http:// usttad.minorityalfairs.gov.in
- The last date of submission of online proposal (duly signed Application forms to the Ministry), is 05.02.2021 by 5:00 p.m.

Under Secretary (USTTAD)

Religare Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited Central Office : 1st Floor, Prius Global Tower, A-3, 4, 5, Sector- 125, Noida-201301 gistered Office : P-14 45/90, P-Block, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi –110

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E- AUCTION/ SALE NOTICE Notice is hereby given for conducting E- Auction Sale, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security

Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) and Rules 8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, of the immovable properties, mortgaged to the M/s Religare Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Secure Creditor" or "RHDFCL". Whereas the below mentioned borrower failed to repay the loan amount of Rs. 4,59,09,402.25/-(Rupees Four Core, Fifty Nine Lakh, Nine Thousand Four Hundred Two & Paisa Twenty Five Only) as on 16.06.2017 plus future interest & costs, to the "RHDFCL", within 60 days from the date of the notice dated 16.06.2017 issued by its authorized officer under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002.

WHEREAS the RHDFCL has, pursuant to the powers vested in it through its authorized officer, taken the Actual Physical Possession of the mortgaged entioned below on 22.10.2020 under the provisions of Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and under the of section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred thereunder

Notice regarding taking of such possession was published in the Newspapers, Business Standard (English) on dated 24.10.2020 and Business Standard (Hindi) dated 24.10.2020, under Rule 8(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. WHEREAS since even after the aforesaid, the borrower has failed to repay the aforesaid loan amount to the Bank, the authorized officer of the

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

Place: Delhi

: 26/02/2021 between 10.00 AM to 12.00 NOON with extension of 5 minutes each

The property shall not be sold below the reserve price and sale is subject to the confirmation by RHDFCL as a secured creditor.

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Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through DD/RTGS/NEFT fund transfer to Current Account No. 00030340039497 Name of the

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The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount/sale price (including EMD) immediately after declaration of successful bidder. The ccessful bidder will deposit balance 75% of the bid amount/sale price within 15 days from the date of declaration of successful bidde If successful bidder fails to deposit sale price as stated above, all deposits including EMD will be forfeited.

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any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice or assigning any reasons. The bidders should make discreet enquiries as regards to charge/encumbrances/statutory dues on the property and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding charges, encumbranc

and any other matter etc., shall be entertained after submission of the online bid. As per records available, the undersigned have no information about any encumbrance on the properties as on the date of this notice. Any arrears, dues, taxes, VAT, TDS, GST, charges on the property whether statutory or otherwise including stamp duty/registration fees on sale of

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New Delhi

Date: 15-01-2021 M/s Religare Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited nand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002,

can't protest outside L-G, Shah homes' New Delhi: Opposing petitions

'AAP leaders

by AAP leaders Raghav Chadha and Atishi for permission to hold protests outside residences of the Union Home Minister and L-G, Delhi Police Thursday told the Delhi High Court that protests can't be allowed there as per law laid down by the Supreme Court and a standing order issued by the Commissioner.

Police also said the Delhi Disaster Management Authority guidelines also prohibit political functions in the national capital.

With regard to Chadha's petition seeking permission to hold a protest outside Home Minister Amit Shah's residence, police also said an order under Section 144 CrPC has been issued to prohibit protests in the Chanakyapuri sub-division, for areas falling under Tughlak Road, South Avenue and Chanakyapuri police stations till January 20, "keeping in view the sensitive nature of the area, which is residence to the Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Hon'ble Supreme Court judges and various other international and national dignitaries".

Similarly, in response to Atishi's petition, police said Section 144 CrPC has been promulgated in the area surrounding L-G Anil Baijal's residence, which will remain in force till January 30, "in the interests of the security of Hon'ble L-G and the need to ensure he is able to perform his functions without any disruptions," ENS

38-yr-old stabbed to death by juvenile over fight with father

The juvenile and his

two associates have

Deputy CM Manish Sisodia

to the MCDs from the govern-

ment, we expect more money.

Else we will face the same prob-

secretary of the Municipal

Corporation Teachers' Association,

said the association would con-

tinue its strike as the money is not

enough to pay all salaries due:

"We want our complete salary

Association (NWA) at Hindu Rao

Hospital Indumati Jamwal said,

but to go on a protest march. We

have families to run too." She said

nurses of Kasturba Hospital,

Rajen Babu Tuberculosis Hospital

and Girdhari Lal Maternity

Confederation of MCD

Employees Union, said employ-

ees in different departments of

the North civic body have not

been paid salaries for the last

AP Khan, convenor of the

Hospital will also be joining.

We are left with no other option

Head of the Nurses' Welfare

and a final solution to this."

Ram Niwas Solanki, general

lem after a few months.'

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

A 38-YEAR-OLD man was stabbed to death allegedly by three juveniles in Central Delhi's Patel Nagar, over a month after the victim got into a fight with the father of one of the juveniles. Police said the victim's friend was also stabbed while trying to

save him. The three juveniles have been

hended and sent to a cor-

tim, Deshraj

'INU's shift to online entrance led to more expenditure'

New Delhi: INU's shift to online entrance exams, conducted by the National Testing Agency, has "resulted in a significantly higher net expenditure on admissions", the JNUTeachers' Association alleged Thursday, citing responses to RTI queries. JNUTA said it had filed multiple RTIs in December 2020. "JNU replied the information was not available with it, and that the RTI has been forwarded to NTA for a reply...," it said in a statement.

"NTA reported that it uses funds collected as application fees to conduct JNUEE. However, in 2019, there was a 'minimum' shortfall of Rs 2.57 crore of revenue. Accounts for 2020, NTA said. had not yet been finalised and information on shortfall was not yet available... Is JNU expected to compensate NTA for this shortfall or whether NTA is going to foot this expenditure is not clear," they said. JNU registrar Pramod Kumar

did not respond to calls, texts. **ENS**

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PM's Poems

 $PRIME\,MINISTER\,Narendra\,Modi\,on\,Thursday\,took\,to\,Twitter$ to share his poems for the second time in a fortnight. At the beginning of the year, the Prime Minister shared a poem with a video called "Abhi Toh Suraj Uga Hai". On Thursday, he shared another poem on Twitter, written in Gujarati. In a few hours, he shared the Hindi translation of the poem, which centred around Sun God, and ends with "Suraj Dev ko shat shat naman".

PUSHBACK TIME

A GROUP of scientists and medical experts has come out strongly against those "casting doubts on Indian scientific community by making politicised comments" on the research for Covid 19 vaccine. Slamming those doubting the work, 49 scientists and experts in a statement said their "reprehensible utterances are causing a huge credibility crisis for the Indian scientific community". The signatories, led by former AIIMS Director T D Dogra, urged people to "reject the manipulations of vested interests aimed at politicisation and defamation of our nation's scientists, doctors and scientific community for their narrow vested interests".

SHORT BREAK

WITH THE Supreme Court not working on Thursday and Friday due to Makar Sankranti/Pongal/Bihu festivals followed by a local holiday, any development in connection with the court-appointed committee on farm laws - following the exit of BKU leader Bhupinder Singh Mann from it – may have to wait till January 18 when the benches sit again. Sources said whether Mann has communicated his decision to exit the committee to the top court will be known only when the Registry resumes work on Saturday.

Former IAS officer from Gujarat cadre joins BJP

MAULSHREE SETH & AVINASH NAIR

LUCKNOW, AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 14

HAVING WORKED closely with Narendra Modi for about 20 years, first in the Chief Minister's Office of Gujarat and then at the Centre after Modi became Prime Minister, Arvind Kumar Sharma ioined the BIP on Thursday.

The 1988 batch IAS officer of the Gujarat cadre, Sharma took voluntary retirement earlier this week, more than a year before his superannuation in July 2022.

Sharma's joining the BJP comes amid the nominations for the Legislative Council polls in Uttar Pradesh. The ruling BJP is likely to win a majority of the 12 Legislative Council seats that would go to polls on January 28. The last date for filing of nomination papers is January 18.

Sources in the BJP said that the former IAS officer is likely to be nominated in the polls.

Speaking to mediapersons after joining the BJP, Sharma Narendra Modi and claimed to be the "son of the soil from a backward village of Mau", which is part of Purvanchal region of Arvind Kumar Sharma began

thanked Prime Minister

his career as an assistant collector in Gujarat and quickly rose to become a secretary in the Chief minister's Office (CMO) in October 2001, when Modi became the chief minister of the state. He has been a part of Modi's close circle of bureau-

ation, which lasted through Modi's three terms as CM, was in 2006 when Sharma went to Australia for training.

Within the CMO in Gujarat, Sharma rose to the rank of additional principal secretary to the CM by 2013-14. He was instrumental in taking forward Modi's biennial global investment summit "Vibrant Gujarat" project that played a key role in transforming the image of a riot-hit state to an investment destina-

Officers find ways around Rlys' bungalow peons rule

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR

Ministry issued a policy to discontinue the 100-year-old practice of hiring "bungalow peons" for its officers, plans are on to bring them back in a new avatar.

Several zonal railways are said to be in the process of drafting their own local policies that would enable an officer to retain a Telephone Attendant cum Dak Khalasi or "bungalow peon". The Odisha-based East Coast Railway has already finalised a policy for hiring people on contract for officers' residences. Sources said

The Railway Ministry had authorised zonal general managers to review the situation in their respective areas. Around 8,000 officers of Indian Railways are entitled to this facility under the

Manager", bungalow peons alscreened and absorbed in the Railways like earlier. "Around 30-40 officers, both from the field and from the headquarters, ons as per their entitlement," said a spokesman of the East

existing Level 1 staff can be engaged as bungalow peons on their consent as per the new rules issued by the ministry, officers say it is hardly feasible. "In any case, bungalow peons, after they get the job, usually do not want to continue to work in houses anymore," said a senior officer.

Bungalow peons are a sensitive subject for railway officers. Almost no one wants to give up the facility arguing that it is intrinsic to the nature of their job. Railway officers, like their counterparts in the Army, are entitled to keeping a Group D employee posted 24X7 at their homes. The logic is that railway officers get posted in remote, often inhospitable, locations, routinely carry work home or are occupied at odd hours, and hence need help at home. "That is why this practice has been there since the beginning," said a senior officer.

screening process.

Behind farmer-govt trust deficit, misreading of protests

LIZ MATHEW & **HARIKISHAN SHARMA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

ASTHE farmers' protests acquire a new dimension with the Supreme Court's controversial intervention and one of the four members pulling out of the proposed resolution committee, the challenge, many in the party and government admit, is to address the deep trust deficit between the protesters and the government.

There are voices within who suggest that the government misread the signals on the ground in Punjab, indulged in name-calling that misfired, and brushed aside farmers' concerns by attributing political and ideological motives to the protest.

For six months between May 15, the day Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman first announced the government's intention to enact the three farm laws, and mid-November, when farmer unions gave a Delhi Chalo call, the

government and the party, a leader said, didn't catch the discontentment brewing across Punjab.

No sooner had the Ordinances been promulgated on June 5 than farmers in villages started protests, unions told them these three were 'kaala kanoon', the agitation spread to towns, groups of 50-100 shouted slogans outside the offices of SDMs (Sub-Divisional Magistrates) and District Collectors in tehsils and districts. BJP leaders in Punjab failed to counter this campaign.

"They should not have given up in the beginning itself. Local party leaders either locked themselves in or joined the protesters. We should have countered the arguments. Lekin, hum maidan chodkar bhaag gaye (We fled the battleground)," said a senior party leader and a Union Minister.

If the party was missing in action on the ground in Punjab, the government, too, didn't pay much heed and took the farmers for

Between June 5 and September 14, when the Bills were introduced in Parliament, of the 69 press releases issued by the Agriculture Ministry, only seven were related to the "landmark and

historic decision". One reason, some in the BJP claim, the government was probably lulled into complacency with its ally Shiromani Akali Dal backing the Bill until August end. Indeed, Sukhbir Badal released Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar's letter before the start of the Assembly session on August 28 which said procurement and MSP would continue and that Chief Minister Amarinder Singh was misleading farmers.

Days before resigning from the Union Cabinet on September 17, Harsimrat Kaur, too, supported the pro-farmer ordinances terming them "pro-farmer."

In Parliament, too, the government rammed through the Bills over the next five days, ignoring not just the Opposition who urged these be sent for Parliamentary

scrutiny, but also parties such as AIADMK and BID which had raised concerns. Its own ally SAD had warned that "the spark that has been lit in Punjab and Haryana... don't allow it to turn

Given the groundswell of support for farmers in Punjab and the intensity of protests, the SAD eventually quit the NDA on September 17 and the farmers had started a rail roko blocking trains from passing through the

As this lingered, the top political leadership still believed this was "instigated" by the "usual suspects" of the anti-BJP coalition and underlined how these protests were blocking crucial supplies to troops in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. In fact, the Government even invoked the 1962 war against China to make this point.

Sources in the BJP now say the party may have been hasty in letting the SAD slip out of the NDA fold so easily. "As an ally, we may not have benefited much from them; they aren't very popular in the state and they have dynasty issues but SAD's exit gave the protests a fresh boost and created an impression of this being a Punjab vs BJP/Centre issue. Also, SAD giving up power gave credence to farmers' suspicion these laws were harmful." said another Union Minister, who did not wish

to be named. "So the message went out that even if Parkash Singh Badal was leaving the alliance, no one cared at the Centre...that has hurt us," said a senior BIP leader.

At one stage, the ruling party and the government were "confused" over how to deal with the protests led by Sikh farmers - from showing sympathy to branding them as Maoists and Khalistanis.

It came a full circle with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's community outreach during his border visits and tributes at Gurdwara Rakab Ganj and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh calling them annadatas and regretting the use of labels like Khalistanis or Maoists. Ministers engaging with unions - Tomar, Piyush Goyal and Som Parkash – made it a point to strike a more conciliatory tone even in

photo-ops "Rajnathji's forceful rejection of what some of his party and ministerial colleagues' attempts to brand the farmers itself was an indication of the confusion in the party. Not having a prominent

Sikh face in the government team

didn't help either," said a BJP MP. The RSS is lalso earnt to have reservations with the government's handling of the protests. During the recent three-day meeting in Ahmedabad, the Sangh leadership conveyed these 'thoughts" to BIP president I P Nadda on the manner in which the Bills were brought in, said sources present in the meeting.

An outreach blitzkrieg of 100 press conferences and meetings with farmer groups launched in December, only proved to be too late – the "right thing at the wrong place and wrong time," as a leader

ATTENDS JALLIKATTU EVENT

Rahul in TN: No one can suppress Tamil spirit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAL JANUARY 14

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi accused the BIP-led government at the Centre of trying to destroy the diverse culture of the country and invoked Tamil spirit, hours after watching a Jallikattu event – a bull-taming sport held as part of Pongal celebrations near Madurai on Thursday.

"They believe they can suppress the emotions of Tamil people, they believe they can crush the language of the Tamil people, they can suppress the spirit of the Tamil people," Rahul told reporters after a visit to the famous Jallikattu arena at Avaniyapuram. "I came here to give them a message that nobody can suppress the Tamil spirit. Suppressing the Tamil spirit is the worst thing you can do to this country as this is the essence and soul of India."

The visit of the former Congress president to Tamil Nadu came even as the BJP, in a bid to increase its visibility in the state ahead of the May assembly elections, organised Pongal celebrations in the districts over the past one week, which were attended by the party's national leaders.

Rahul accused the central government of making moves that are affecting the country's diverse culture and notions and said he was against promoting one idea, language or notion. "There are many different lan-



Rahul Gandhi at the Jallikattu event in Madurai, Thursday. PTI

guages, ideas and all these contribute to our strength and that is my message," he said.

Rahul visited the Jallikattu arena along with senior Congress leaders and Udhayanidhi Stalin, DMK youth leader and son of party chief M K Stalin.

BJP national general secretary and Tamil Nadu in-charge C T Ravi tweeted: "Dear @RahulGandhi, Your Govt in 2011 labelled #Jallikattu as cruel

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Principal

they say targeted over farm stir

NIA summons 4.

DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL LUDHIANA, JANUARY 14

A TOURIST bus operator, a nut and bolt trader, a cable operator and a journalist from Punjab have been served notices for questioning by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with a sedition case registered against Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, a designated terrorist and the legal advisor of USbased banned pro-Khalistan outfit Sikhs for Justice (SFJ).

The four served notices have been supporting the agitation against the three farm laws. While the three businessmen, all from Ludhiana, had started a bus service for farmers to reach Delhi, the journalist from Patiala has been vocal on social media in support of farmers. All four distanced themselves from SFJ and claimed that they have been falsely implicated due to their support to the farm agitation.

Hazare to PM: Going on my last fast

Pune: Activist Anna Hazare has Ground for his protest, he has not written to PM Narendra Modi, conveying his resolve to go ahead with the "last fast of his life" by the end of January in Delhi. In the letter, Hazare said that although he has written four times to book the Ramlila

received any response.

He said he has written to the PM five times so far on implementation of the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations, and revising the MSP formula, but got no response. ENS



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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

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Genome sequencing lab installed at Delhi airport

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

A PORTABLE genome sequencing lab was installed at the Delhi Airport on Thursday to trace and contain mutant strains of the coronavirus found in passengers arriving from foreign countries.

The lab was set up by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology in a tie-up with healthcare firm SpiceHealth.

The genome sequencing of positive samples will help ensure early action in containing new mutant variants that have increased transmissibility, said CSIR D-G Dr Shekhar Mande, adding that these portable sequencers will be deployed at other airports across the country. "We have also made the number of days for sequencing faster. Whereas before if could take up to 8-10 days, now it can be done within 24-48 hours," said Dr Mande. He said faster intervention could considerably reduce the risk of transmission.

CSIR-IGIB is a constituent member of the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium recently announced by the Health Ministry. Dr Anurag Agrawal, CSIR-IGIB Director, said: "Affordable and widespread point of care sequencing is one of the most important new trends in next age diagnostics. Here, we plan to use it to help in better monitoring and managing the SARS CoV2 pandemic, but this is just a beginning towards its many potential clinical and public health applications."

Union Minister slams Kerala **Health Minister**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA THIRI IVANANTHAPURAM. JANUARY14

UNION MINISTER V Muraleedharan on Thursday alleged that Kerala Health Minister KK Shailaia had failed in containing the spread of Covid-19 and had instead been busy getting herself on the cover page of fashion magazines.

He told reporters here that the LDF government had failed in fighting the pandemic and demanded that Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan clarify who was responsible for the failure. "Kerala is now a state reporting the most number of cases in a single day. The Chief Minister and the Health Minister have misled the people and worsened the situation. Is it his fault or that of the Health Minister? In her hurry to be the face of fashion magazines, has the Health Minister become unaware of the current situation?," he asked.

Govt seeks voter data for vaccine drive, EC agrees

RITIKA CHOPRA & KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) has agreed to a request from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to share electoral roll data for identifying the age group targeted for the first phase of the Covid-19 vaccination drive, sources told The Indian Express.

The Commission, sources said, is now waiting for a response on the specific data required by the Ministry.

According Government's blueprint, the vaccine will be offered first to healthcare workers, frontline workers and those above 50 years of age, followed by those below 50 with associated comorbidities. The priority group of above 50 may be further divided into those above 60 and those between 50 and 60 for a phased rollout.

According to sources, the EC's electoral roll data has been sought to identify people above

CASES:

Maharashtra

Kerala

Odisha

Rajasthan

Kerala

Kerala

Uttar Pradesh

West Bengal

Maharashtra

Maharashtra

West Bengal

Karnataka

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

1,05,12,093 | DEATHS: **1,51,727**

STATES WITH RISING ACTIVE CASES

ACTIVE CASES

52,365

65.532

1,971

STATES WHERE ACTIVE CASES ARE DECLINING

5,780

10.132

7,303

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES

ON JAN 13

746

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM DEATHS

ON JAN 13

26

18

 $Data \, as \, on \, \textbf{\textit{January 13}}, released \, by \, Union \, Ministry \, of \, Health \, and \, Family \, Welfare, \, Indian \, Council \, of \, Medical \, Council \, of \, Medical \, Council \, of \, Medical \, Council \, Or \, Counc$

and state governments. Often, the numbers released every day contain data from pre as well. As such, trends based on daily numbers are only indicative and not definitive

अगधन की परिमाण बेल्टॉन को

TESTS: 18,42,32,305 | RECOVERIES: 1,01,46,763



The first consignment of the Covishield vaccine arrives at Dimapur Airport on Thursday. ANI

the age of 50 in each polling station. The EC is now working on a format of sharing to protect elector privacy, they said.

"One option being considered is that we provide boothwise information of voters above the age of 50 to the respective states, as opposed to handing over information of all states to one agency," said an official, who spoke on the condition

ACTIVE CASES: 2,13,603

RECOVERIES

ACTIVE CASES DECLINE IN LAST WEEK

TESTS

RISE IN LAST WEEK

1,918

1.823

1,565

TOTAL

8,25,770

19,78,044

9,29,552

51,400

3,421

9.993

of anonymity.

Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla's request to the Commission came after a meeting between representatives of the Health Ministry and the EC last month.

According to sources, the Health Ministry wanted to understand the structure of the election machinery and how polls are conducted at the grassroots level. This was done since

the vaccination drive will be similar to the election process given the similarities in the scale of the two operations.

But under the National Disaster Management Act, the MHA is the nodal central agency coordinating with all state governments to contain the pandemic and ensure a uniform approach.

Last month, Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora had told The Indian Express that the EC is open to offering assistance, if sought by the system, in administering the vaccine.

Speaking at the Idea Exchange programme, Arora had said the ongoing pandemic is an unprecedented national crisis that requires "exceptional and extraordinary" response.

"Currently, we do not have any legal authority (to assist in the administration of the vaccine). To conduct elections, we are empowered under Article 324. But having said that, given the experience and expertise we have, if someone reaches out to us for a national cause, we will take a call," he had said

MAHARASHTRA MINISTER ACCUSED OF RAPE

BJP, MNS leaders allege harassment by woman, file police complaints

SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, JANUARY 14

A BJP LEADER and an MNS leader on Thursday complained of harassment by the woman who has accused NCP leader and state Social Justice Minister Dhananiay Munde of rape.

BJP leader Krishna Hegde and MNS leader Manish Dhuri lodged police complaints about an hour after NCP president Sharad Pawar said allegations against Munde were serious and the party would take a decision after internal consultations. "The allegations are serious and naturally, we as a party, have to take a decision. I have not had a word with the party leaders on this issue and will soon have a discussion. Munde met me and told me his side of the story," Pawar told mediapersons.

A woman who claims to be Munde's sister-in-law has accused him of rape. Munde has denied the allegation and claimed that he is being blackmailed by the complainant and her sister with whom he was in a relationship and has two children.

Soon after Pawar spoke, for-

mer Congress MLA Hegde, who joined BJP in 2017, approached Amboli police and lodged a complaint of harassment against the woman. He alleged that she tried to honey trap him in 2010. "The woman had been calling and messaging me since 2010. She kept asking me to be in a relationship with her. I always turned down her request to meet," Hegde said in his complaint."

"I am informed that a few more persons have been honeytrapped and money has been extorted," he added.

MNS leader Dhuri is the second politician to file a complaint against the woman at Amboli police station, accusing her of extortion and blackmail. He claimed that the woman had harassed him in 2009. "She wanted to use my contacts in the film industry. She had even taken me to her house in Andheri (East) on the pretext that her sister wanted to meet me. However, when I went to the apartment, I sensed something amiss, as there was nobody in the house... I feared someone was recording me," he said, adding that he had then stopped communicating with her.

some lawyers".

tion with the company in exchange for bribes paid every month. Sources said the officials were in touch with the promoters of the

officials are accused of extending

favours and sharing case informa-

CBI books four

of its officials for

bribes, raids own

headquarters

DEEPTIMANTIWARY

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

THE CENTRAL Bureau of

Investigation (CBI) Thursday

raided its own headquarters at the

CGO complex here after booking

four officials for allegedly taking

bribes from a company being

probed by the agency. It also

launched search operations at 14

locations on premises associated

with these officials, and some

middlemen and chartered ac-

against its four officials, including

a DSP, inspector, steno and private

persons/others, including advo-

cates etc... on the allegations of

compromising the investigation

of certain cases on extraneous pe-

cuniary considerations, " CBI

The officials were identified by

KSangwan; stenographer Sameer

Kumar Singh; and Inspector Kapil

premises in Delhi, Ghaziabad,

Noida, Gurgaon, Meerut and

Kanpur, CBI officials said. Late on

Thursday night, a team also

searched offices associated with

the four officials at the CBI head-

named, one has worked in the

Banking and Securities Fraud Cell

of the agency for long. The sus-

pected officials allegedly took

bribes in connection with a bank

fraud case, estimated to be worth

over Rs 3,500 crore, involving a

company based in Mumbai. The

Sources said of the two DySPs

quarters at the CGO complex.

Searches were carried out at

spokesperson R C Joshi said.

Dhankad.

"The CBI has registered a case

countants, across the country.

company and multiple middlemen who negotiated on their behalf. The inquiry was started based on information from a source, following which a CBI special unit put the phones of the suspected officials under surveillance and the allegations against them were found to be prima face true. Two years ago, the CBI had put

five officials of one of its anti-corruption units under scanner for allegedly helping suspects being probed by the agency for pecuniary gains. Their names had cropped up following a raid on a caterer at the Palika Services Officers' Institute in Chanakyapuri in 2018. The caterer, Rakesh Tiwari, had earlier served as the sources as DySPs R K Rishi and R CBI's caterer.

In searches carried out in August 2018 at the institute, the CBI had recovered 20 Rolex luxurv watches. Rs 3.6 crore in cash and Rs 1.6 crore worth jewellery from a cupboard in Tiwari's office The CBI claimed to have also come across documents showing alleged hawala transactions to the tune of several crores of rupees. Sources said the agency suspected that several officers were using Tiwari's services to transfer funds abroad illegally, and to influence CBI cases registered against them.

However, no officer has as vet been prosecuted in the case, with transfers of some DySP and inspector-level officers the only ac-

Dushyant Dave steps down as SCBA president

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

SENIOR ADVOCATE Dushvant Dave on Thursday stepped down as president of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) with immediate effect.

In a brief letter, Dave, who was elected to head the lawyers' body in December 2019, said that the tenure of the SCBA Executive Committee had already ended and it may not be possible to hold virtual elections as per schedule "due to reservations held by

"Following recent events, I feel that I have forfeited my right to continue as your Leader and so from the post of the President of the SCBA with immediate effect. Our term has already come to an end," the letter said. It added that "we sincerely

I hereby tender my Resignation

decided to hold virtual election to elect a new body. Now I find it may not be possible to hold them as per the schedule declared by the Election Committee due to reservations held by some of you. I understand their position and have no quarrel with it but to me any further continuation as the President in these circumstances will be morally wrong"

Dave was first elected SCBA president in 2014 and was re-

BRIEFLY

RAJASTHAN Spurious liquor: 7 dead in 3 days

Jaipur: Seven persons died in Rajasthan's Bharatpur district over a period of three days while several others were undergoing treatment after consuming illegally brewed spurious liquor, officials said. According to the officials, four people died of methyl alcohol poisoning on Tuesday night and Wednesday while three more people passed away by the early hours of Thursday. Bharatpur superintendent of police Devendra Kumar Bishnoi said that five people have been arrested so far. Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot expressed grief over the incident.

UTTAR PRADESH Covid patient jumps to death

Meerut: A 51-year-old man who tested positive for Covid-19 jumped to death from the fourth floor of the Muzaffarnagar Medical College and Hospital on Thursday. While family members of Rajkumar have alleged negligence on part of the hospital, police suspect "acute depression" to be the reason behind his extreme step. Rajkumar's son, Sudhir, along with other family members and villagers staged a sit-in on the hospital premises, demanding immediate action against those "guilty". Hospital authorities and police officers intervened and assured them of action following an inquiry.

HARYANA Khattar flags off air taxi services

Chandigarh: Haryana CM

Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday launched aviation services between Chandigarh and Hisar at Chandigarh International Airport. This service has been started by Air Taxi Aviation Company, Besides the pilot, three passengers will be able to travel in these air taxis. The distance from Chandigarh to Hisar will be covered by the aircraft in 45 minutes. This service has been started under the Udaan scheme of the Centre. The company will start air service from Hisar to Dehradun from January 18 and from Hisar to Dharamshala on January 23.

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Capable of befitting reply if any superpower hurts our pride: Rajnath

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BENGALURU, JANUARY 14

INDIA DOES not want a war but its soldiers are capable of giving a befitting reply if any 'superpower' hurts the country's pride, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday.

"We don't want war and we are in favour of protecting everyone's security but I want to say this in clear terms that if any superpower wants to hurt our pride then our soldiers are capable of giving them a befitting reply," Singh said.

"It always wanted peace and



Rajnath Singh

because it's in our blood and culture," he said at the fifth Armed Forces Veterans' Day at the Headquarters Training Command of the Indian Air Force in Bengaluru.

friendly ties with its neighbours

Referring to the standoff with China, he said that Indian soldiers displayed exemplary courage and patience and if that can be narrated then every Indian will feel proud. "I can tell you that things that had never happened in past took place this time."

Singh also hailed the Indian soldiers who showed extraordinary courage in "eliminating terrorists on the Pakistan soil".

The Union Minister called upon the veterans to play a significant role of sharing their experiences with the society and inspire youth to get into the defence services.

KARNATAKA

Man assaulted for 'cattle transport' now booked under new anti-slaughter law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, JANUARY 14

INWHAT is being considered the first case under the new ordinance banning cow slaughter in Karnataka, Chikmagalur police have booked a truck driver who was allegedly transporting cattle when he was stopped by a group of unidentified people and assaulted.

Police said Abid Ali, who is also the owner of the truck, was allegedly transporting 12 to 15 cattle head in his truck from Ranebennur to Mangaluru.

Chikkamagaluru SP Akshay M Hakay told The Indian Express that the case has been registered under the new ordinance. According to the police officers, Ali was

beaten up by a group of unidentified people on January 8 while he was allegedly transporting the cattle. The group also took away money from him, they said.

"Since Ali was injured, he was taken to a hospital. He is now at a hospital in his hometown Davangere," an officer said.

The Karnataka government recently promulgated the anti-cow slaughter ordinance that provides for punishment for killing of cattle and offers protection to those "acting in good faith" to save them. The Bill to this effect is yet to be cleared by the Legislative Council.

The state cabinet last week decided to promulgate Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Ordinance 2020, which has now received the Governor's assent.

Six months after CM Amarinder promised help, Special Olympics double gold medalist in Ludhiana dies in penury

DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL LUDHIANA, JANUARY 14

LIFTING STONES and bricks with his father for Rs 400 a day, and later working as a caretaker at a shelter home for the differently-abled, feeding and bathing inmates — this is how Rajvir Singh (21) from Siarh village of Ludhiana, who won two gold medals at the 2015 Special Olympics in Los

Angeles, provided for his family. Six months after Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh promised him help in a video posted on Twitter, and five years after he won his medals in cycling, Rajvir, who suffered from an intellectual disability due to a brain-related ailment, died at Christian Medical College and

Hospital (CMCH) Ludhiana Wednesday after being on ventilator support for nearly a month. His cash prize of Rs 30 lakh (Rs 15 lakh for each medal), promised by the then SAD-BJP government in 2015, is yet to reach him.

Rajvir was cremated at their village on Thursday. Father Balbir Singh. a labourer, said, "My son's achievement was never valued by the Punjab government. For five years after he won the gold medals in 2015, we were given promises. First the Badals, then Capt Amarinder Singh and Congress leaders such as Navjot Singh Sidhu, everyone promised to help and get my son's pending cash prize released but no one did. We ran from pillar to post but my son died without getting his due honour and prize



Raivir won two gold medals at the 2015 Special Olympics

"The governments and politicians must remember that we were not begging or asking for favours, it was

my son's right. Promises were made to him and they were never fulfilled. My son got more ill and depressed because he was carrying the burden that despite his achievement, his family was living hand-to-mouth."

Rajvir, who suffered from epilepsy and other issues since childhood, had undergone a brain surgery in the past. On December 18, he was admitted to Deepak Hospital in Ludhiana, and referred to CMCH on January 4 after his condition deteriorated. He remained on ventilator support for nearly a month before succumbing to a severe brain infection. "We cleared bills of nearly Rs 5 lakh as his father is very poor. In fact, not us but the sangat contributed and helped us get him treated... the way his achievement was treated by the governments...it is sad and condemnable," said Gurpreet Singh from NGO Manukhta Di Sewa, who had offered Raivir work at the shelter home, and had been taking care of his medical expenses for the past few years.

After Rajvir's victories, several promises had come from politicians. While SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal announced Rs 15 lakh for each medal as cash prize during the SAD-BJP tenure, Amarinder promised a policy for Special Olympics medal winners.

Punjab Sports Minister Rana Gurmit Sodhi did not respond to calls. State Sports Director DPS Kharbanda said, "The policy to give cash prize to Special Olympics medalists is pending approval. I will ask sports officials in Ludhiana to see if we can help Rajvir's family with their financial needs."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Court hearing in the alleged fake

TRP scam, the Enforcement

Directorate (ED), which is inves-

tigating a money laundering case pertaining to TRP rigging, on

Thursday questioned two offi-

cers of ratings agency Broadcast

Audience Research Council

Sr. no Property Name of Allottee

(BARC) for over five hours.

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MUMBAI, JANUARY 14

the official. So far, the agency has

recorded statements of all the

accused mentioned in the FIR

The scam came to light last

year when BARC lodged a com-

plaint through Hansa Research

Group, alleging that certain tele-

vision channels were rigging TRP

Police alleged that some

channels were paying bribe to

fraudulently boost TRP, so as to

increase advertising revenue.

filed by Mumbai Police.

numbers.

Nepal foreign minister to meet Jaishankar today

First high-level diplomatic visit from Nepal since border row with India

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

NEPAL'S FOREIGN Minister Pradeep Kumar Gyawali will meet External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday for their first face-to-face meeting since the border row led to a slide in ties.

Gyawali, who arrived in New Delhi Thursday afternoon, will co-chair the India-Nepal Joint Commission meeting along with Jaishankar on Friday. This comes against the backdrop of a political crisis in Nepal, where Nepal PM K P Sharma Oli has dissolved the Parliament and is now heading a caretaker government.

"The Joint Commission is an important mechanism that provides the opportunity of reviewing at a high level the entire gamut of our bilateral partnership and providing political guidance to further enhance the special and unique ties that we eniov. We look forward to constructive discussions on the numerous sectors that encompass our bilateral agenda," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

On whether there will be talks on the boundary issue, the MEA spokesperson said, "Our position on the boundary issue is well known. Let me say that the JCM and boundary talks are separate mechanisms,'

The Nepal Foreign Minister's visit comes about a month and a half after the first high-level diplomatic visit to Nepal in

hear plea against

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DELHI High Court will hear

on Friday a petition seeking in-

junction with immediate effect

against the updated privacy pol-

lawyer, a direction has also been

sought to the Centre for laying down guidelines to ensure that the instant messaging platform

does not share any data of its

users with any third party or

Facebook and its companies for

privacy of citizens of India "WhatsApp has included certain

clauses in the New Policy which

directly hit the fundamental

rights of the individual," the plea

iour and browbeating cannot be

privacy policy essentially takes

away the choice users had until now to not share their data with

other Facebook-owned and third-party applications. "WhatsApp through the policy is clearly trying to share its users'

data to the parent company and

other companies which will

eventually use that data to serve

their vested interests," the peti-

tion says. "It virtually gives a 360degree profile into a person's on-

Under Article 226, the plea

argues, a writ can be issued to

line activity."

accepted in a democracy." It contends that WhatsApp's

"This type of arbitrary behav-

Alleging that WhatsApp changed its privacy policy in "most arbitrary manner" and has made it compulsory for its users, the petition contends that the latest policy violates the right to

In the petition filed by a

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icy of WhatsApp.

any purpose.

Delhi HC to

WhatsApp's new privacy

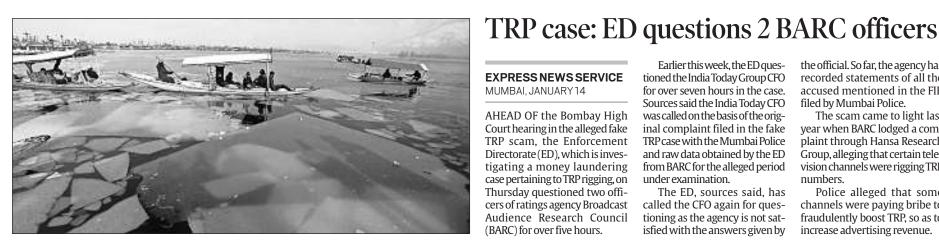
policy today



INDIA'S INAUGURATION of a new road from Dharchula to Lipulekh on the Mansarovar Yatra route had angered the Oli government which came out with a new map of Nepal, adding to it an area at the tri-junction of Nepal, India and China (Tibet) which India maintains is its territory. A Constitution amendment Bill was passed by Nepal Parliament to legitimise alteration to the country's map. After Shringla's visit, Gyawali's trip is an effort to reset bilateral ties hit by the row.

November when Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla went to Kathmandu and met the country's leaders, including Prime Minister Oli and

Gyawali, among others. Sources said that the conversations will pick up the threads from the conversations between Foreign Secretary Shringla's discussions with PM Oli — the two had a one-on-one meeting, apart from the delegation level talks which had included a "candid review of the state of the bilateral relationship", and the potential for bringing India and Nepal closer.



LAKE OF ICE

A frozen Dal Lake on Thursday as Srinagar recorded a low of -8.4 degrees Celsius. Shuaib Masoodi

NAWAB MALIK'S SON-IN-LAW HELD IN NARCOTICS CASE

NCB to court: Sameer Khan financed drugs business plan with UK national

MOHAMED THAVER MUMBAI, JANUARY 14

THE NARCOTICS Control Bureau (NCB), which had on Wednesday arrested Sameer Khan, the sonin-law of NCP leader and Cabinet Minister Nawab Malik, told the court on Thursday that Khan and a British national, Karan Sajnani, were planning to sell cannabisrelated products online "under the guise of herbal products".

According to NCB, the two accused were trying to circumvent provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act by passing off the products as a "herbal mix".

The agency alleged that Khan was a financier and partner in the business and had been charged under Section 27 (A) of the NDPS Act, which is linked to

He was remanded to police custody till Monday, while the three other accused in the case, including Sajnani, were sent to NCB custody till Saturday.

Earlier in the day, Malik said on Twitter that the law would take its due course. "Nobody is above the law and it should be applied without any discrimination. Law will take its due course and justice will prevail. I respect and have immense faith in our judiciary," he tweeted.

An NCB officer said that they have submitted WhatsApp chats and bank documents to the court that point to a "partnership" between Khan and Sajnani to distribute "marijuana-related products under the guise of herbal products".

Sajnani, who was based in Hong Kong before Britain, had returned to India after his business suffered losses. "Here, he met his childhood friend, Khan, nearly 15 months ago and conspired to source and sell marijuana-related products," the officer said.

The plan was to import marijuana from Seattle in the US via courier and then mix it with tobacco and CBD oil and sell the same as herbal products. It was while receiving one such order that NCB officers received a tipoff and raided Sajnani's house.

Khan's lawyer Taraq Sayyed, however, denied the allegations. He told the court that Sainani and Khan were acquaintances and had discussed many business ideas, including those linked to tobacco. They had nothing to do with marijuana, he claimed, adding that there wasn't anything substantial in Sayved's statement recorded by the NCB. "There was no marijuana or CBD oil involved and there was no agreement between the duo," Sayyed said.

In S Korea, university students fight to save one of country's two Hindi language programmes

NEHA BANKA KOLKATA, JANUARY 14

IN 2020, a group of students and faculty members of a South Korean university recorded a video message for Prime Minister Narendra Modi with an

tion of a Hindi language subject. The Busan University of Foreign Studies (BUFS) is one of only two institutes in South Korea that teaches Hindi as a full-time subject to undergraduate stu-

unexpected appeal—the reten-

dents. But with its Department of Indian Studies allegedly considering phasing out the language, the students faculty have launched a virtual protest, even knocking on the doors of the Indian Embassy

According to protesting students, the department head feels that English would be sufficient for Korean nationals interested in working, studying and traveling in India.

But as second-year student Lee Junhak explains, not knowing a language can only get you so far in a foreign land. "I travelled extensively across India in 2016, and enrolled in Pune's Fergusson College to study Hindi the same year. I joined this course to polish my skills in this language," says the 24-year-old in perfect Hindi.

Hindi is taught at the university by three faculty members, two of whom are Indian nationals working on a contract basis. One of them, requesting anonymity, echoes Junhak's argument. "I have learned a lot about Korean culture because l

studied the language," he says. The BUFS administration did not respond to phone calls by The Indian Express seeking comment.

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in Seoul stated on Twitter on December 23: "Ever since this matter was highlighted by Hindi professors at BUFS, the Embassy has been in touch with the top officials of the University. We will make all efforts to address the concerns

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For the convenience of passengers, Railways have decided to run the following Special Trains as per the schedule given below:-

SPECIAL TRAINS

02033/02034 Kanpur Central-New Delhi-Kanpur Central Special Superfast Shatabdi Express (06 days a week) Trips					
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ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	
_	06:00	Kanpur Central	20:50	_	
11:20		New Delhi	_	15:50	

Days of Run: 02033 Ex Kanpur Central and 02034 Ex New Delhi (06 Days a Week-Excluding Sunday) from 01.02.2021 to 27.02.2021

<u>Accommodation:</u> AC Chair Car & AC Executive Chair Car.

Stoppages: Etawan Jn., Aligarn Jn. & Gnaziabad Jn. stations.					
04131/04132 Prayagraj-Udhampur-Prayagraj 16 Special Superfast Express (Bi- Weekly) Trips					
TRAIN NO. 04131 CTATIONS TRAIN NO. 0					
ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	
_	16:00	Prayagraj Jn.	13:00	_	
12:45	_	Udhampur	_	15:40	

Days of Run: 04131 Ex Prayagraj Jn. on every Tuesday & Saturday from 02.02.2021 to 27.02.2021 and 04132 Ex Udhampur on every Wednesday & Sunday from 03.02.2021 to 28.02.2021

Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved).

Stoppages: Fatehpur, Kanpur Central, Etawah Jn., Tundla Jn., Aligarh Jn., Khurja Jn., Buland Shahr, Hapur Jn., Meerut City Jn., Muzaffar Nagar, Saharanpur Jn., Ambala Cantt. Jn., Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar Cantt. Jn., Pathankot Cantt. & Jammu Tawi stations.

04185/04186 Gwalior JnBarauni Jn Gwalior Jn. Special Express (Daily)				
TRAIN NO. 04185 STATIONS TRAIN NO. 0				
ARR.	DEP.	SIAHONS	ARR.	DEP.
_	12:00	Gwalior Jn.	20:35	_
20:35	20:45	Lucknow	10:45	10:55
12:50		Barauni Jn.	_	18:45

Days of Run: 04185 Ex Gwalior Jn. (Daily) from 01.02.2021 to 28.02.2021 and 04186 Ex Barauni Jn. (Daily) from 02.02.2021 to 01.03.2021

Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved).

Stoppages: Dabra, Datia, Jhansi, Orai, Kalpi, Pokhrayan, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn., Lucknow, Barabanki Jn., Burhwal Jn., Colonelganj, Gonda Jn., Mankapur Jn., Maskanwa, Babhnan, Basti, Khalilabad, Sahjanwa, Gorakhpur Jn., Deoria Sadar, Bhatni Jn., Bankata, Mairwa, Siwan Jn., Duraundha Jn., Chhapra Jn., Dighwara, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn., Bhagwanpur, Muzaffarpur Jn., Dholi, Khudiram Bose Pusa, Samastipur Jn. & Dalsingh Sarai stations.

Integrated Helpline No.

Security Helpline No.

05074/05073 Tanakpur-Singrauli-Tanakpur

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15:55	16:05	Lucknow	08:00	08:10		
07:55		Singrauli	_	16:15		
Days of Run: 05074 Ex Tanakpur on Monday, Wednesday						

& Friday from 03.02.2021 till further advice and 05073 Ex Singrauli on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 04.02.2021

Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved).

Stoppages: Khatima, Majhola Pakarya, Pilibhit Jn., Izzatnagar, Bareilly City, Bareilly Jn., Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Sandila, Alamnagar, Lucknow (NR), Nigohan, Bachhrawan, Harchandpur, Rae Bareli Jn., Lachhmanpur, Unchahar Jn., Pariawan Kalankakar Road, Garhi Manikpur, Kunda Harnamganj, Lalgopalganj, Ram Chaura Road, Phaphamau Jn., Prayag, Prayagraj Jn., Naini Jn. Meja Road, Vindhyachal, Mirzapur, Chunar Jn., Saktesgarh, Lusa, Sonebhadra, Churk & Chopan stations.

05076/05075 Tanakpur-Shaktinagar-Tanakpur Special Express (4 Days a Week)						
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15:55	16:05	Lucknow	08:00	08:10		
08:20		Shaktinagar	_	15:45		

Days of Run: 05076 Ex Tanakpur on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday from 02.02.2021 till further advice and 05075 Ex Shaktinagar on Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday from 03.02.2021 till further advice

Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved).

Stoppages: Khatima, Majhola Pakarya, Pilibhit Jn., Izzatnagar Bareilly City, Bareilly Jn., Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Sandila, Alamnagar, Lucknow (NR), Nigohan, Bachhrawan, Harchandpur, Rae Bareli Jn., Lachhmanpur, Unchahar Jn. Pariawan Kalankakar Road, Garhi Manikpur, Kunda Harnamganj, Lalgopalganj, Ram Chaura Road, Phaphamau Jn., Prayag, Prayagraj Jn., Naini Jn., Meja Road, Vindhyachal, Mirzapur, Chunar Jn., Saktesgarh, Lusa, Sonebhadra, Churk

Note: The above Special Trains will run with full reserved Accommodation

Note: All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured

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Earlier this week, the ED ques-

tioned the India Today Group CFO

for over seven hours in the case.

Sources said the India Today CFO was called on the basis of the orig-

inal complaint filed in the fake

TRP case with the Mumbai Police

and raw data obtained by the ED

from BARC for the alleged period

called the CFO again for ques-

tioning as the agency is not sat-

isfied with the answers given by

The ED, sources said, has

under examination.

एतदद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्न तालिका में अंकित विवरण के अनुसार आवंटित भूखण्ड के विरूद्ध अतिदेय धनराशि का भुगतान आवंटियों द्वारा निर्धारित अवधि में जमा नहीं किया गया है और न ही इस संबंध में कोई सूचना प्राधिकरण को दी गयी है। जो कि आवंटन एवं पटटा प्रलेख की शर्तों का उल्लंघन किये जाने की पुष्टि करता है। प्राधिकरण के अभिलेखानुसार आवंटित भूखण्डों के विरूद्ध देयता संबंधी विवरण नियमानुसार है:-

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	के अन्य	।तः उपरोक्त सूच रू कारण बनाभे	त्री में उल्लिखित आवंटियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस नोटिस के जारी होने की कि क्यों न प्राधिकरण द्वारा आवंटन की धाराओं तथा पटटा प्रलेख की शर्तों में निहित :	।ताथ स 15 दिनों ग्राक्तियों का गर्भाग
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यदि आपके द्वारा अतिदेय धनराशि के भुगतान की कार्यवाही कर जमा चालान की प्रति 15 दिन में आवासीय भूखण्ड विभाग में प्रस्तुत नहीं की जाती है तो समझा जायेगा कि आपको इस विषय में कुछ भी नहीं कहना है। प्राधिकरण द्वारा बिना किसी अन्य नोटिस के आपके पक्ष में किये गये आवंटन को निरस्त करते हुए निष्पादित पटटा प्रलेख का तत्काल प्रभाव से पर्यावसान कर, उक्त भूखण्ड के विरूद्ध जमा धनराशि नियमानुसार प्राधिकरण के पक्ष में जब्त करते हुए आवंटित भूखण्ड का कब्जा वापस ले लिया जायेगा।

नोट:- 1. अंतिम गणना के समय तालिका में प्रदर्शित अतिदेय धनराशि घट या बढ सकती है।

2. यदि किसी आवंटी द्वारा देय धनराशि जमा की जा चुकी है तो वे लेखाधिकारी आवासीय भूखण्ड नौएडा से संपर्क कर

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"any person or authority", including the private bodies, and also for the enforcement of fundamental rights or "for any other WhatsApp has become an

important mode of communication among the citizens of India and is also being used to aid multiple governmental functions, the petition says. It states that the updated pri-

vacy policy will not be applicable "for the European Region owing to the data protection laws in place there" and contends that it was being enforced in India "in most monopolistic way" in the absence of any comprehensive law.

The petition seeks guidelines or directions to ensure that any change in privacy policy by WhatsApp is carried out strictly in accordance with the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

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FAKE NEWS AND RUMORS THRIVE ONLINE BECAUSE FEW VERIFY WHAT'S REAL AND ALWAYS BIAS TOWARDS CONTENT THAT REINFORCES THEIR OWN BIASES - RYAN HIGA

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

THE CORRECTION

Allahabad HC rings a welcome note of constitutional caution against reckless state intrusion on personal life

HE ALLAHABAD HIGH Court judgment striking down provisions of the Special Marriage Act, 1954 that make it mandatory for couples to publish a 30-day public notice of their intent to marry — which often exposes them to vigilante and familial violence — is a significant and much-needed correction. By unambiguously underlining the primacy of individual autonomy, it rings a note of constitutional sanity at a time when anti-conversion ordinances in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have licensed reckless state intrusions on inter-personal relationships in the name of countering "love jihad". A single-judge bench of the high court ruled that the compulsory notice inviting scrutiny and objections encroached on "the fundamental rights of liberty and privacy, including within its sphere freedom to choose for marriage without interference from state and non-state actors, of the persons concerned." The Law Commission of India report in 2012 had made a similar recommendation to "keep a check on the high-handed and unwarranted interference by caste assemblies in sagotra, inter-caste or inter-religious marriages".

In theory, at least, a secular state had envisioned the Special Marriage Act, 1954, as a means to clear a space for Indian citizens to marry outside the boundaries of religious and caste identity; to support a refashioning of identity in a society still in thrall to strict endogamy and communitarian identities. But in practice, the public notice ended up giving vigilante groups, families hostile to inter-faith and inter-caste unions, and the social prejudice of legal bureaucracy disproportionate powers to police young couples. As a result, many preferred to convert and marry under personal laws, rather than expose themselves to harassment. The Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance, 2020, which makes religious conversion for marriage a crime, has a more draconian version of this provision: It demands a 60-day notice to the district magistrate and a police inquiry to ascertain the "real"

Even today, inter-faith unions make up a minuscule minority of marriages. The HC judgment reaffirms the first principles that accord constitutional protection to this minority—and goes further. It is also a reminder that the weight of a series of landmark Supreme Court judgments in recent years pushes back against societal and state meddling in personal affairs. From rulings that recognise the right to privacy as a fundamental right (Puttaswamy v Union of India), the right to choose one's partner (Hadiya case) and the ruling that decriminalised homosexuality, they form "a long chain of decisions growing stronger with time and firmly establishing personal liberty and privacy to be fundamental". As several reports in this newspaper have shown, the anti-conversion ordinance in UP is being weaponised against precisely this guarantee, with disastrous consequences for the hard-won freedoms of young women and men. For BJP-ruled states that have embarked on a high-stakes campaign to police the intimate lives of citizens, the Allahabad High Court judgment is a reminder and a warning that the constitution remains the bulwark against an overreaching state.

PEACE CHALLENGE

Transition in US provides window for Kabul and Delhi to signal concerns about Afghan process to Washington

HE TWO-DAY VISIT by National Security Advisor Ajit Kumar Doval to Kabul was the first by a high-ranking Indian official to Afghanistan after talks began at Doha between the Taliban and a delegation of the Afghan Republic. It came days after US President-elect Joe Biden's victory received Congressional certification and as Washington prepares for the transition. One of the big foreign policy challenges for the incoming Biden Administration is how to take forward the Afghan process under the Trump regime. Piloted by Special Representative Zalmay Khalilzad, it led to an agreement with the Taliban for the US to withdraw almost all its troops from Afghanistan, with a prayer that the Taliban had changed enough since the last time to work in cooperation with Afghan political parties and other stakeholders for peaceful and democratic governance. The talks between the Taliban and the Kabul delegation are still on, although after the first couple of weeks, the meetings have been put on hold. It is no secret that the government of President Ashraf Ghani has been wary of this process since it began, and the refusal of the Taliban to call a ceasefire and the high levels of violence have not helped allay suspicions in

India has been concerned about a process in which it has had no role and that gave Pakistan — which used its influence to deliver the Taliban to the talks table — an upper hand in deciding the outcomes in Kabul. The Pakistan security establishment's cosy relationship with the Taliban and the Haqqani network, and the increasing fungibility of groups such as Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Toiba, have raised several security red flags in Delhi. The transition in the US has provided a timely window in which both Kabul and Delhi could signal these concerns to Washington. Kabul is eager to make clear to President-elect Biden that the Taliban must agree to a ceasefire. Afghan Foreign Minister Mohammad Hanif Atmar has sought Delhi's support for this. A Democratic administration may also be more sensitive to the concerns of other stakeholders in Afghanistan, such as women and rights groups, who have real fears about a return of the Taliban. Earlier this week, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said India might increase "military assistance" to Afghanistan.

It is now more than two years since Afghanistan has had a full-time ambassador in Delhi. It is time for Delhi to rethink the "temporary" closure of the Indian consulates in Jalalabad and Herat, apparently due to concerns over COVID and heightened violence.

MY TRUTH AND YOURS

Banning of Parler may be a step to contain right-wing fringe. But polarisation and echo chambers cut across platforms

NTHE TIME since Donald Trump was elected US president in 2016 — in fact, with the rise of "fake news" across the world a quote by former US senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan has been much cited: "You are entitled to your opinion, but you are not entitled to your own facts." The fact, though, is that in the information age, everyone can create their own political reality. And the decision by Amazon, Google and Apple to suspend Parler, a microblogging app (similar to Twitter) favoured by the American far-right from their platforms is unlikely to change this trend.

Parler, with about 10 million users, does not allow cross-platform sharing and paints itself as absolutist on free speech — no posts are taken down or deleted, often even those that call for violence. The platform was used to share incendiary posts in the run-up to the January 6 violence at the Capitol building in Washington DC, and the lack of any protocols to address this led app stores hosted by tech giants to suspend Parler. The company's CEO has said that

the platform's future is now uncertain. Facebook and Twitter have suspended Trump's account — but only after years of incendiary statements. Even before the internet boom, the trend of catering to only a particular segment of the population, reenforcing their biases, had taken off. News channels in the US, and beyond, have cultivated particular political demographies and vitriol is often cast about in the guise of a prime-time "debate". Behind this business model is the deeply cynical idea that facts, like soft drinks, are merely a product and "giving the people what they want" is good for bottom lines. Banning Parler and other relatively small sites like it may help to contain the fringe. But it's more likely the fringe will continue to move centrestage.

After blocking Trump



What happens next time a world leader incites violence? Social media platforms need a clear policy

Chinmayi Arun

ON JANUARY 6, the world watched in shock as extremists stormed the United States Capitol to interrupt the Congress's joint session which was formalising Joe Biden's electoral victory. Shortly before the attack, at the "Save America March", Donald Trump exhorted a crowd of his supporters to walk down to the Capitol to give "weak Republicans" the "boldness" to "take back" America. The video was shared on social media. Trump's social media accounts were active and communicating as his supporters ransacked the Capitol, stopping to pose for photographs in the Speaker's office and take selfies with policemen.

The social media companies reacted, first blocking particular communications including videos of the speech, and then suspending Trump's accounts. Trump has been barred from using Facebook and Twitter. The platform's decisions have been criticised. Broadly, critics argue that social media companies should not "censor" a president or make what conservatives see as politically biased decisions about speech. The latter claim wrongly assumes that all ideologically conservative speech is the same as harmful speech. Trump could have stopped at expressing dissatisfaction about the electoral outcome. However, he chose to insist that the election was "stolen", calling for action. This took his speech beyond the realm of political opinion into the realm of incitement.

The fact that Trump is a head of state does mean that his incitement of violence needs to be treated differently. Social media would have enabled and amplified the incitement to violence through their platforms if they did not act to restrict the circulation of Trump's speech, given the connection between his words and the violence. If anything, they should have been vigilant and acted earlier. Social media companies have policies that are not sufficiently firm or clear on this question.

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The effect of a social media platform in facilitating the freedom of expression can vary depending on the speaker. A citizen journalist or whistleblower in a country without a functional, free press may have no other way to reach wide audiences if deprived of social media. In contrast, a head of state like Trump who is barred from social media has access to the mass media. His freedom of expression is not affected in the same way in which a protesting farmer or a whistleblower's might be, if

they are de-platformed. Similarly, the effects of communication can also vary depending on the speaker and the audiences. With the same content, an influential speaker is much more likely to actually incite violence. Therefore, incitement by a head of state is more dangerous than incitement by a powerless, ordinary individual. This is significant given that social media platforms are clear that they will act to remove incitement to violence from their platforms, especially where there is a real danger that violence will ensue. A powerful leader can persuade his followers that it is acceptable and even righteous to engage in violence. If this leader controls the law and order machinery, this creates a sense of impunity in those wreaking the violence.

When Trump gave his speech, these factors had aligned.

Trump has arguably been inciting violence on social media platforms for a long time. In mid-2020, Facebook employees staged a virtual walkout in distress over the company refusing to regulate the US President's inflammatory posts. In the past, Twitter suspended another account posting copies of Trump's tweets for glorifying violence, while leaving the president's tweets up. This was presumably because of Twitter's exception for public or elected officials' speech which is seen as being in "public interest". Facebook also has a "newsworthiness" exception. These exceptions pose a continuing problem for other countries that are still led by individuals who incite violence.

Once Trump was clearly on his way out, and his allies no longer controlled the Senate, the platforms stepped up to block his dangerous speech. Twitter's reasoning was that Trump incited violence to the extent that the public interest exception was no longer a good reason to leave his speech up. Facebook's reasoning was more ambiguous: Although it mentioned incitement to violence, it seemed to argue that the newsworthiness protection did not apply because of the exceptional circumstance of the insurrection and the postelectoral transfer of power.

The question to ask is: What happens the next time a world leader incites violence on these platforms? Facebook might leave their speech up, since it has left itself room to do so. Twitter might take it down, but it is not clear what counts as enough incitement for an elected official's account to be suspended. The platforms should not be circulating speech that is very likely to cause violence they need clear policies in which they commit to a consistent refusal to help heads of state incite violence.

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SHINE THE LIGHT

Transparency on vaccines is necessary, misinformation must be checked

J V R Prasada Rao

EARLY IN the COVID-19 pandemic, hundreds of people died in Iran after consuming toxic methanol, erroneously believing that it could cure them of the disease. The pandemic has seen waves of such misinformation, prompting the World Health Organisation to coin the term, "infodemic".

Misinformation flows associated with mass immunisation programmes have been among the top hurdles for health systems for decades, risking the health of millions of children. What's different this time is the scale and the information environment. The pandemic in a hyperconnected world, where so much about the virus was unknown and so many people were anxious and fearful, took the deluge of misinformation to incredible levels.

Now as the COVID vaccines start rolling out, scaremongering is likely to soar as well. In fact, much before the jabs against the novel coronavirus had appeared on the horizon, there were conspiracy theories about vaccines being tailored to implant trackable microchips to steal information. As the prospect of the vaccines became more real, social media was abuzz with claims that the m-RNA technology being used by some vaccine-makers will

alter the recipient's DNA. Such misinformation should be countered with consistent and transparent sharing of science-based information about the vaccines in a language easily accessible to citizens, their families and communities. People have a right to know what's in the vaccine. how it will be administered, how it will work in the body, and what reactions or side-effects, if any they can expect, and how would

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involve the administration of more than one dose of the vaccine. It cannot, therefore, be treated as a "one-off" event. It's a journey from the time the individual registers for vaccination to the time he/she develops immunity. The safety of that journey for the first set of vaccinated people, who will share their experiences on social media and other platforms, will shape the decisions of millions others. This journey, even before it begins, will have many touchpoints for credible information which cannot be done solely by the government. The process should involve independent actors such as academia, civil-society organisations that have strong grass roots presence, philanthropy arms of large corporate houses and the private sector other than vaccine manufacturers. In fact, it will take nothing less than a society-based approach for the vaccination drive to succeed.

The COVID-19 inoculation drive is likely to

The government should emphasise in its messaging that "to go or not to go" for a COVID vaccine is a "voluntary" decision, that one has to take in the interest of one's health and that of their family. To present the decision as a "responsible choice", and not as an imposition, will effectively kill the motiva-

tion of many rumour-mongers. The country's victory over polio owes much to co-opting community leaders, civil society organisations and religious heads. Many of them enjoy high trust and credibility among people and have the unique ability to turn scientific messages into contextuallyrelevant information in the groups of their influence. While some religious leaders could

be sources of misinformation, many more are progressive and lean towards scientific and rational thinking. Such non-state actors should be involved in an alliance that can help in social mobilisation for COVID vaccination.

While these networks can help effectively reach socio-economically disadvantaged groups, and people in rural areas, a large section of population would also look up to credible experts through the mainstream media and on the internet to help them make decisions. Scientists and vaccine experts should play a proactive role in shaping the attitude of people. Industrial houses should become partners in disseminating science-based information to their employees, and through other mass-media channels.

It is also necessary for governments to be vigilant about isolated adverse incidents which cannot be ruled out in a programme of such magnitude. Adverse event monitoring should take place at the lowest level of the healthcare system and such cases should be given prompt medical and administrative attention.

Governments at the Centre and state-level are working on upscaling the cold-chain facilities and training an army of vaccinators. The leadership in the country will have to rise above their political and ideological differences. The national response to the mass vaccination drive is a rare opportunity for political leaders across party lines to close ranks and demonstrate that on issues pertaining to peoples' health they stand united. That will be a victory not just against the pandemic but for democracy as well

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JANUARY 15, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

SAMASTIPUR FIRING SIX UNDERTRIALS IN Samastipur were

killed in police firing after three days of confrontation between them and the police. Soon after receiving news of the incident, Bihar Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra announced a judicial enquiry into the incident. Ten policemen were injured in stone throwing by the undertrials who had taken refuge on rooftops after locking some jail entrances to restrict the movement of the jail staff. The trouble started on January 12 when a group of undertrials led by one Gulzar Mian indiscriminately stoned the jail staff and police personnel who persuaded them to come down and "talk things over". In this incident, the sub-inspector of the Samastipur police thana, Shambu Sharan Singh Thakur sustained serious injuries. The undertrials were protesting against bad food, non-supply of warm clothing and illtreatment by a jail jamadar.

US GIVES IN

THE US HAS agreed to deposit 70 per cent of frozen Iranian assets in Algeria, undertaken to return the late Shah's wealth to Iran and suspend legal claims against Iran, according to Tehran Radio. The radio suggested that the US has already returned 70 per cent of frozen Iranian assets but more clarity on that is awaited. It suggested that the Iranian authorities had accepted the American compromise and an end to the hostage crisis is at hand.

RAJIV STILL IN IA

scenes for some months.

RAJIV GANDHI, A pilot with the Indian Airlines, has not yet resigned from his job. Nor is any action being contemplated against him for participating in Congress (I) activities. According to No 10 of the orders Indian Airlines service rules no employee can participate in the activities of a communal organisation or a political party. Rajiv, who gained the Boeing 737 pilot licence last month, has been openly participating in Congress (I) activities after being behind the

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ommending an arm's length relationship with

India demands scrutiny, too, and not just by

Indians (regardless of their support for the

current government) but by anyone keen to

see an end to the inequalities of our contem-

porary, hierarchical world order. Predictably,

the report advocates that the UK move to sup-

port democracies in the Asia-Pacific region as

a means to aid these countries in avoiding po-

litical subservience to China. When it comes

to India, however, the report prescribes cau-

tion: India is a reluctant supporter of liberal

democracy, is "ambivalent" about human

rights abuses within other states, and pos-

sesses "a long and consistent record of resist-

ing being corralled into a 'Western' camp'".

These black marks against India echo with a

well-worn Western liberal playbook, fraught

with disappointment that India, despite be-

ing the world's largest democracy, is a weak

liberal ally in the international political sphere.

It should be noted that this (Western) fram-

ing of India as an ambivalent supporter of lib-

eral principles and institutions abroad pre-

dates the current Indian leadership by

decades. India, along with other non-Western

rising democracies, so the familiar charge

goes, has long been unwilling to step up on

the global stage to the responsibilities of

"committed democracies".

THE IDEAS PAGE

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"For their part, the Taliban must join the political process. If their violent actions continue, it is highly unlikely that an intra-Afghan peace process can succeed."

A new global playbook

The liberal world order is yet to free itself from imperial bias, as a report that dubs India a 'difficult' country reveals. India can push for a less hierarchical version of internationalism



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ON JANUARY 11, Robin Niblett, Director and Chief Executive of Chatham House, the century-old UK-based policy institute also known as the Royal Institute of International Affairs, published a report proposing a blueprint for Britain's future foreign policy after Brexit. Titled "Global Britain, Global Broker", the report sketches a bold path ahead for the UK, arguing that post Brexit, Britain can remain internationally influential. Curiously, however, the report gives exceedingly short shrift to India, one of the non-European countries most touted to feature prominently in Boris Johnson's vision of a "Global Britain".

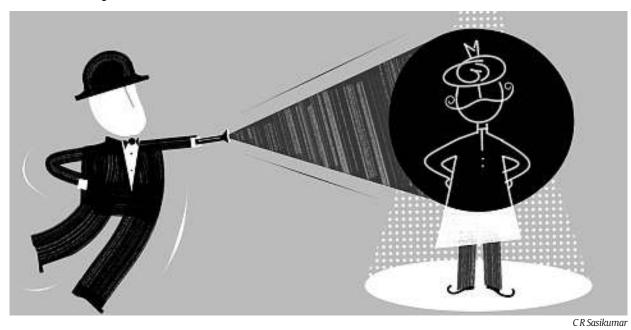
Most strikingly, the Chatham House report groups India on the other side of a "new divide in international affairs – between open societies where citizens have the capacity to fight for their rights and those where these rights are denied". Along with Russia, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, India is classed as one of the "difficult four" countries, destined to count among the UK's "rivals" or "awkward counterparts" as it pursues its global goals. Being clubbed together in such company will shock many for its stark contrast with the position of growing importance that Western governments from Washington to Canberra accord to India, in particular, in conjunction with the emerging and implicitly liberal construct of the Indo-Pacific.

The report should be kept in perspective - it is after all, in no way a statement on behalf of the UK government. In fact, its advice to deal cautiously with India stands in diamet $ric\,opposition\,to\,Downing\,Street's\,current\,tack$ on the bilateral relationship. But Chatham House is an institution of consequence in the UK and Western policy landscape, and the report's recommendations demand close scrutiny. The wider portrait that it sketches of a contemporary liberal international order is particularly significant.

First, it is clear that the report's move of labelling India "difficult" is bound up with quite specific ideas about status and hierarchy in world politics. The report's author places India and other countries in a different normative universe to the "liberal West" and then confers unequal status upon them.

Part of the justification for labelling India "difficult" centres on a critique of India's domestic political developments. The report notes how "the overt Hindu nationalism of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party is weakening the rights of Muslims and other minority religious groups, leading to a chorus of concern that intolerant majoritarianism is replacing the vision of a secular, democratic India bequeathed by Nehru". This is no trivial observation and it should surprise no one, least of all the Indian government. Behind closed doors across North Atlantic and European capitals, diplomatic concerns — usually unspoken in public — have been bubbling since 2014 about growing religious and other forms of intolerance and the suppression of critique and dissent in India's domestic space.

Yet the report's second justification for rec-



policy choices and self-representations, and by whom. Pick up a copy of Hardeep Singh Puri's Perilous Interventions, or even Shyam Saran's How India sees the World.

For post-colonial states, sovereignty after independence, far from only being about political and economic independence within state borders, intended to go hand in hand with the project of "worldmaking": The shaping of international legal, political and economic institutions that realise the internationalist project that Getachew calls "nondominaton". This collective project saw some early successes, but then dwindled into failure. Full and equal membership of the international order remains, as Getachew skilfully shows, hampered by hierarchy and marked by forms of dependence and domination. Former Indian foreign secretary and national security advisor Shivshankar Menon captures this reality succinctly: For him, encouragement by (presumably Western) international partners for India to "behave responsibly" usually means "do[ing] what they would like us to do".

What can be done to resist and challenge the implicit and explicit conceptions of status and hierarchy in the Chatham House report? Getachew cautions against "a retreat into a defensive sovereigntist position, which cannot provide adequate critical and normative resources to address the contemporary dilemmas of the international order"

The Chatham House report itself concedes that India's importance to the UK is "inescapable", and it is clear that no nation today can move forward without factoring in India. The next two years will see India move into a critical period of high-profile international activity, both as an elected member of the UN Security Council and as host of the 2023 G20 Summit. India can leverage these positions of influence to centre a more demanding vision of internationalism that disrupts the civilisational and racialised hierarchies that linger from Europe's imperial era. But to do that. India needs the critical and normative resources to inspire greater equality, legitimacy and inclusivity in the international sphere. For as long as India practises domination at home, those resources, desperately needed to push through urgent reforms of the global order, will be clear to no one — as the Chatham House report, for all its problems, succeeds in showing.

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Healer in chief

As President, Biden must reach out to divided US. He can establish new conventions



G Balachandran

AMERICAN SOCIETY IS undergoing tumultuous changes. In the recent presidential election, the nation seemed to be divided. Some 75 million voted for Donald Trump $not with standing \, his \, various \, illegal \, acts \, and \,$ incendiary language in characterising those opposed to him. Some seven million more voted for Joe Biden, whose victory has been denied by Trump and his supporters. On January 6, a mob stormed the Capitol in a bid to deny Biden his victory, reminiscent of a similar storming of the Capitol by the British in 1814.

After the assault on the Capitol, there is palpable anger in the US against President Trump. However, recent polls show that while most Americans, including many Trump supporters, reject the attack on the Capitol, millions empathise with the mob. And according to press reports, the FBI has warned about the possibility of armed protests at all 50 state capitols and in Washington, D.C., ahead of Biden's January 20 inauguration.

Biden has been lukewarm on the issue of impeachment although he has called for Trump's resignation. Vice President Mike Pence too has been, at best, lukewarm about the application of the 25th amendment. The prospects of Trump being removed from office by noon January 20 are very slim. However on June 20, the Democrats will gain control of the Senate and with a majority in the House of Representatives, the prospects of an impeachment trial in the Senate thereafter are high although a conviction on that trial is again very slim.

Biden's reluctance to actively support Trump's impeachment is understandable. His administration will have many immediate problems to attend to - controlling and neutralising the pandemic through an active vaccination programme, passing legislation to give monetary relief to those affected by the pandemic and energising the economy. Plus, there will be the immediate issue of bringing together a strongly divided nation. For Biden, it is important that his administration carry as much of the Senate as also the public with his programmes to restore some semblance of stability not only to American society but to the country's global standing as well.

No doubt, President-elect Biden and Vice-President elect Kamala Harris would have already thought deeply over these matters. Probably dozens of drafts of Biden's inaugural speech are being constantly revised to incorporate his desire to unify the country. However, it is also undeniable that Biden is not known for his oratory and in addition, the country will be keenly awaiting his first action to translate his desire to unite the country in practice. Here, there is a parallel in history worth

Apartheid in South Africa ended in 1994

after Nelson Mandela won the first election

in which Blacks had the right to vote. He assumed the presidency of a country deeply divided with the national party's FW de Klerk as his first deputy. However, large sections of Blacks, who had been dominated politically, socially and economically for decades clamoured for revenge. The statesman that Mandela was, he understood the implications. A rainbow nation, he realised, was the only way forward to ensure prosperity in South Africa. In 1995, South Africa hosted the World

Rugby Cup for the first time. Rugby was a game that was played predominantly by the whites. When Mandela learnt that South Africa would be hosting the World Cup, he came up with a brilliant idea, not fully shared by his colleagues, to use rugby to unite the country. (It was the subject of a book Playing the Enemy and a movie, Invictus). When the Springboks won the finals against New Zealand, wearing the Springboks colours and green cap, Mandela surprised the team before the game by visiting them in their locker room and later beaming as he presented the captain with the trophy in the big stadium filled to its capacity. It went a long way towards the realisation of his dream of uniting the country. It was an act of spontaneity, unrehearsed and unanticipated that broke the barrier between the whites and the Blacks to some extent.

Can Biden, who is known to act spontaneously and generously in his dealings with individuals, do a similar thing to bridge the gap between the Democrats and the moderate Republicans? Something that will psychologically assure them that he is sincere in his belief and efforts to unite the country

President Trump has indicated that he will not attend the inauguration of the Biden presidency in a sharp break with tradition. Also traditionally on the inauguration day, before the ceremony, the outgoing President with his wife invite the incoming President and the Vice President and their spouses for tea. The event is also attended by the outgoing Vice President and his/her spouse. After that, the outgoing President accompanies the incoming President for the inauguration ceremony. That will not happen this year.

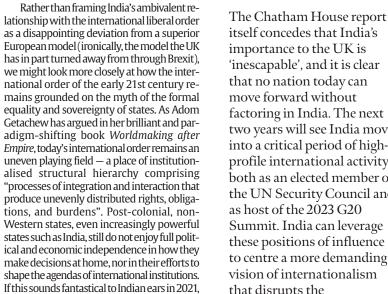
But the fact that the outgoing President is breaking time honoured tradition and convention need not preclude the incoming President from establishing a new convention that will go some way towards restoring the traditional working relationship with the Republican legislators and moderate Republicans who do not owe personal loyalty to Trump.

While there has been no precedent, there is nothing to prevent Vice President Pence from inviting incoming President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, along with their spouses for tea, and then accompanying incoming President Biden for the inauguration. It will be a significant gesture on the part of both Vice President Pence and incoming President Biden, not allowing protocol to stand in the way of healing American society's wounds.

How such an outcome can come about and who will be the catalyst to bring this about is for the American public to decide. A foreign well-wisher of the US and its

ideals and principles can only offer sug-The writer was previously with the Institute

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Europe's imperial era.

A great trust deficit

Centre's divisive campaign will only deepen impasse with farmers

RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA

IN THE SEVEN years of mediocre governance marked by institutional capture, propaganda politics, unprecedented economic mismanagement and unaccountability, the Narendra Modi government is faced with perhaps its greatest challenge yet: India's farmers have rallied together once again, asking for the most basic of guarantees and the repeal of the three agrarian laws that they neither

asked for nor support. These three laws, brought in by ordinances in the middle of the pandemic and passed without any prior consultation, debate or discussion, are catastrophic in their implications. Specifically, they foreshadow the complete erosion of the guarantee of Minimum Support Price ("MSP" for agricultural produce) and the thoughtless dismantling of Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees while leaving small farmers vulnerable to larger private players and lobbies motivated purely by self-interest. A direct consequence would be a dismantling of the public distribution system (PDS) or the guarantee to provide foodgrains through ration shops to the country's disadvantaged. There are several other problems as well, such as those of bypassing judicial remedies of going to court for redressal. They also grossly encroach upon the exclusive legislative competence of state governments to

legislate on agriculture. However, at the core of the current impasse between farmers and the Modi government lies a massive trust deficit cultivated over seven years of broken promises, manipulated data and outright neglect.

United Nations to Bretton Woods, and ask

them if they feel constrained in their foreign

Barely a month into its first tenure, the Modi government directed that the payment of bonus on MSP to farmers in key agrarian states be cancelled. This was followed by the repeal of the Right to Fair Compensation Act brought in by the UPA in 2013 to ensure market price for acquired land. In a surprise to no one but the Modi government, this move was met with nationwide protests, which led to the PM announcing in his radio broadcast that the amendments would be repealed. The fact that these amendments were snuck in through state laws in BJP-ruled states deepened this lack of trust.

Then came the denial of fixing the MSP at cost plus 50 per cent. While this was a key election promise in 2014 and was present in the BJP's election manifesto, the Modi government in an affidavit before the Supreme Court denied this, saying fixing MSP at cost plus 50 per cent would distort the market. The farmer obviously felt cheated. In the 10 years between 2004 and 2014, MSP for key agricultural produce had increased by a minimum of 121 per cent (in the case of chickpeas) to as high as 219 per cent (in the case of moong dal). And this was in addition to a massive farm loan waiver of almost Rs 72,000 crore and income support from the MGN-

REGA. Compare this to the last six years, where the highest increase has barely been sufficient to cover increased production costs.

Another much-advertised programme the Crop Insurance Scheme of 2016 saw insurance companies making a profit of Rs 19,202 crore (as of last year) after paying compensation to the farmers, as governments and farmers ended up paying high premiums.

Blanketed by these challenges, it is no surprise that the country saw a sharp increase in farmer suicides. What was even more surprising is that these prompted almost no outreach from the Union Cabinet, much less the prime minister.

The yawning trust gap is, thus, writ large. After all, if one cannot take the PM's word at face value, then what else matters? This is the same Hon'ble PM who now assures the farmers that the new laws will not impact the MSP guarantee.

In response to the current protests, the Modi government reverted to its tried-andtested tactic – sowing seeds of division and questioning the credibility of the suffering farmers. With a pliable section of the media at its command, the BJP machinery carried out a relentless and systematic campaign of defamation and propaganda. However, they learnt, much to their consternation, that labelling genuine protestors as Naxals and Khalistanis, Chinese and Pakistan agents cut

no ice. It had the exact opposite impact than intended. Public sentiment rallied in favour of our "annadatas"

On January 12, the Supreme Court intervened to stay the implementation of these laws but also established a committee composed solely of individuals who have declared their support for the bills and opposed the farmers, calling their protest misguided and going to the extent of blaming Opposition parties. The question is: Can anything meaningful fructify from discussions with a committee, whose members already support the government stance on three agrarian laws and oppose the farmers? This is unlikely to address the growing chasm of distrust that the Modi government continues to foment with its campaign of division and smokescreens.

The BJP is not a fan of India's history. This is in large part because of its own unflattering role of concessions and absences from the crucial moments in our journey towards Independence. This might be one instance where the party would do well to revisit the chronicles of farmers' movements. They would learn that farmers have never backed down. And, ultimately, they have always prevailed.

The writer is communications incharge and general secretary of the Indian National Congress

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BETTER PLANNING

This refers to the article, 'Getting the vaccine right', (IE January 14). The vaccination drive is soon going to be announced but there are many concerns which have not been addressed yet. The after-effects of the vaccine in different groups of individuals is not known. There is also a lack of sufficient data determining the efficacy rate of the vaccine. The free availability of vaccine is going be a burden on the government. Those who can afford it could have been given vaccines on reasonable rates. Better research and well-thought-out strategy should have been formulated

for effective implementation. Sarachana Sisodia, Delhi

WITHOUT DEBATE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A shapeshifting justice' (IE, January 13). The three farm laws missed out on substantive scrutiny in the legislature. This aberration of shortening of the essential political process made a section of the civil society more cautious about the intentions of the newly-enacted legislation, as they felt their voices and apprehensions weren't properly echoed by their legislators. This inconsistency in following the due political process by the legislative and the executive branch has actually invited judicial intervention to restore popular faith in the institutions of the state.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

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BEYOND COVID

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Care and caution' (IE, January 14). The country is plagued by a trust deficit. Farmers don't trust the government, the public is sceptical about the efficacy of the vaccines and how they are being rolled out. So far, the entire vaccination drive of the government is a black box. It also appears that the pandemic has been blown out of proportion as non-COVID mortality and morbidity outnumber deaths from the novel coronavirus.

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I, Vinay Kumar S/o Kishori Lal R/o-House.No-B-12 First-Floor Mansa-Ram Park Uttam Nagar Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Vinay Sharma Permanently 0040560219-1

I Gulab Singh S/o Late Sh. Roop Ram R/o V-7, Welcome. Seelampur-3, North East, Delhi- $110053\,have\,changed\,my\,name$ to Nanak for all purposes.

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I Neha Pandey D/o Sh.Shriram Pandey W/o Sh. Atul Mishra R/o H.No.1202, Shivalik Appartment, Kaushambi, I.E. Sahibabad, S.O., Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh-201010 have changed my name after marriage to Neha Mishra for all purposes. 0040560213-5

I Prashant Sharma S/O Satbir Sharma R/O .36/18 Arya samaj road gali no 1 Rajeev Colony Narela Delhi 110040 Have Changed My Name From Parshant Sharma to Prashant Sharma for all Puposes in 0050174070-1

I, Alok Mishra R/o F-5, Tower-6, Type-V Quarters,East Kedwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023, have changed my minor daughter's name from Punya Mishra to Eshanya Mishra permanently.

0040560256-2 I, Ankur Kumar S/o Late Sh. Bhopal Singh R/o Flat No.4157, Tower-12, Gold Coast, Crossing Republic, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201016. Have changed my name from Ankur Kumar to Ankur Chauhan for all future

I, Geeta Gulati, W/o- Naresh Sehgal, H.no,27/24,dlf colony Partap nagar rohtak haryana-124001, changed my name to Geeta Sehgal. 0040560254-2

I. INDU MATI W/o Kewal Ram R/o House No- C 19, 2nd Floor, Ashok Enclave Part-2, Amannagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 Have Changed my Name to INDU MATI KHANSHILI for all purposes.

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I, Inder Mohan Singh S/o-Nihal Singh R/o:E-7, Lower Ground Floor, Vijay Nagar, Single Storey, G.T.B.Nagar, New Delhi-9 have changed my name to Inder Mohan Singh Sandhu 0040560241-2

I, Naresh, S/o-Darshan Lal, H.no,27/24,dlf colony Partap nagar rohtak haryana-124001, $changed\,my\,name\,to\,Naresh$

I, Punita Manwar,W/O Puneet Manwar, Address:Orchid Petals, Tower-16 flat-401. Gurgaon, Haryana-121018, changed my name to Punita Malhotra. 0040560254-3

I. Pushpa Devi (Widow of Shiv Narain who Died on 14.12.2018), Resident of 102-A, Dabar Enclave, Jaffarpur Kalan, New Delhi-110073 declare that both the names SHIV NARAYAN Son of LAYAK RAM and SHIV NARAIN Son of LAYAK RAM are of one and the same person. He will be known as SHIV NARAIN Son of LAYAK RAM in future for

I, Rahul Mittal s/o Harish Mittal r/o 106, 19/41, West Puniabi Bagh, Delhi-110026 have changed my minor daughter's name from VANNYA MITTAL to VAANYA MITTAL 0040560218-1

, SWETA AGRAWAL W/O Nitin Agrawal R/o B-12/B, First Floor, Kalkaji, New Delhi-19 have changed my name to Shwetaa Agrawal for all future 0040560194-1

I,hitherto known as J. P. Ali S/o-Jamshed Ali residing at 892, Pasonda,Sahibabad Ghaziabad, U.P.-201005 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Junaid 0040560256-1

I,Rekha Spouse of 685540L-JWO, Mukesh Kumar Sharma,R/o.T-06,Flat No.805, Exotica Dreamville, Sector-16C, Gaur City, Noida, U.P, have changed my name from Rekha to Rekha Sharma vide affidavit No.24AE397836. dated-05.01.2021,Noida.

0040560257-10 **I,Nawraj** Bhagat,S/O-Late Shri Dal Chand.R/O-H-1/193-194, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, inform that Nawraj/Navraj/Nawraj Singh/Nawraj Singh Chauhan/Nawraj Bhagat above my names written in various documents are of mine

and of the same person. 0040560257-7

I.Mohammaed Saiid Hussain s/o-Mohammad Zahid Hussain R/o-9/358,Gali No-09, Lalita Park.Laxmi Nagar.Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Sajid hussain permanently.

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I,Manav S/o Anil Kumar,R/o Flat.No-100, New GH-6 White Appartment,Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Manav

I,Kuldip Kaur Kaur W/O-Nirmal Singh R/o- X/277, Gali No-1,Raghubar Pura No-1, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Kuldip 0040560257-4

PERSONAL

I.Kapil Vishal Chandra S/O-Suresh Chandra Sharma R/O Plot No 7,B-4, Shakti Khand 2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad. Uttar Pradesh 201014 have changed my name to Vishal Chandra 0040560256-6

I,Ishwar Kashyap S/o-Braham Prakash Kashyan R/o-D-95A,Street No.49A, 60ft Road, Mahavir Enclave Part-3.Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to 0040560257-1 Ishwar Kumar.

I,Gusar Jahan W/o-Mohammad Ikram R/o-1794, Katra Sheikh Chand,Lal Kuan,Delhi-110006 have changed my name to 0040560257-3 Kausar Jahan.

I.Gulab Chand.S/o-Mohan Lal Bakolia,R/o-H.No.16/1291 E,Bapa Nagar,Padam Singh Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 Have informed that Gulab Chand Or Gulab Chand Bakolia is one & the same person.

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I,Gagan Deep Singh,S/O-Shri Joginder Singh, R/O-B-321, Unner Ground Floor Lok Vihar,Pitam Pura,Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Gagandeep Singh Arora.

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I,Arun Sharma S/o Mahesh Kumar Sharma R/o C-66, Sector-26, Noida(U.P.) have changed my name to Arun Kumar Sharma for all future 0040560212-1 purposes.

LAnil Jain S/o-Vakil Chand Jain R/o-4/382A,Bholanath Nagar, Gali No.2, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Anil Kumar Jain.

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I, Zarina Begum W/o Wajid Ali R/o H.No.64, Mohalla Raj Chandausi, Distt.Sambhal, UP have changed my name to Zarina Be. 0040560256-4

I. Vazid Ali Khan S/o Jaddan Khan R/o-H.No.64, Mohalla Raj Chandausi, Distt.Sambhal, UP have changed my name to Waiid Ali. 0040560256-3

I. Sweety Kumari Lukad W/o Rahul Jain R/o C-189, 2nd-Floor. Vivek Vihar Phase-1.Delhi-95 have changed my name to Sweety Jain

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I, Yashpal Nagpal, S/o.Aasha Ram Nagpal, R/o-108, Second Floor, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have lost my, Lease Document 4Sets,Partner of M/s.Gulshan Packaging Industries. Application No. 51092, Plot No.-116, Sector-H, DSIIDC. Bawana-II, Bhorgarh, Industrial Area.

 ${\bf On}$ 11.01.2021, Lost a bag at Mkt. New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-96. It contained my Share Certificate of Alaknanda Sahkari Awas Samiti Ltd. if any one finds, please contact. Meeta Bhargava, 29/104 East End Appts. Mayur Vihar Ph-1 Extn. Delhi-96 M:9873320088

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m in the above said flat.

Sd/- Rakesh Kumar (Advocate)

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Satish Kumar Tripathi (Advocate) Ch. No. 549, Saket Court Complex New Delhi-110017

person

, Paras Ram S/o, Mangaru R/o, H.No. I-284/4, Block-I, Gali No.-Hari Nagar Extn., Jaitpur, Badarpur, N.D-44 declare that my father's name has been wrongly written as "Bhurai" in my 'CISF Service Records'. While my father's correct name is "Mangaru", which may be amended accordingly. "MANGARU" & "BHURAI" are the name of same and single

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person.

This is to bring of the knowledge of general public that my client Lt. Col. (Redt.) Dr. Jc. Khanna S/o Late Sh. Darbari Lal Khanna R/o 183, Simmant, Nangla Buttoo, Meentu, U.P. is sole owner of the above said property. Any person, organization, institution dealing or entertaining into any transaction/ greement w.r.t. purchase of the above said property shall be doing at his/her onsequences, for which my client shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever.

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Public in general is hereby informed that my client Mr. Rajesh Kumar Chopra S/o Late O.P. Chopra aged About 66 years and Mrs. Manju Chopra W/o Rajesh Kumar Chopra aged about 56 years R/o 1/779-780 H.No 26, Rehman Building G.T Road Shahdara Delhi 110032 have dis-owned their sor namely Ankit Chonra aged about 31 yrs namely Ankit Chopra aged about 3 fys and Daughter In Law Namely Pooja (Monika) Aged About 28 yrs from all their movable and immovable properties/assests and severed all relations because of their misconduct and misbehavior towards them in future my clients shall not be responsible for any of their acts, deeds, any financial dealing etc

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Name of work: Project Management Consultancy for 22 MW Co-Generation Power Project along with concurrent modernization of Sugar Mill at Bazpur.

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Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP)

No: JTFRP/DT/2021/Camp/278-83

Date: 13.01.2021 Director Technical, PMU Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project nvites fresh bids for the below mentioned work through www.jktenders.gov.in against the earlier tender issued vide tender No 2020_jtfrp_110952_1 dated 02-12-2020 which got cancelled due to some technical issue. Interested bidders may obtain further information and download the bidding documents from www.jktenders.gov.in

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Security (Rs.) Lacs	Cost of Document (Rs.)
	Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of Oxygen Generator Plants with Manifold System for CHC Bani, CHC Basohli and CHC Hiranagar	6.50	Nil

Bidding documents can be downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in from 13-01-2021 to 27-01-2021. The last date for submission of online bids on www.jktenders.gov.in is 27-01-2021, 1400 hours.

> (Er. Basharat J. Kawoosa) **Director Technical**

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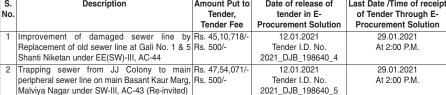
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5	Hot Air oven (For Sterilization)	1		(100-1000 UI)	
	260 liter		18	Variable volume pipetee	3
6	Vortex Mixer	2		(20-200 UI)	
7	Water Distillation Plant	1	19	Racks ssuitable for pipettes	4
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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, e-tender is invited from interested parties/persons for Outsourcing of entry ticketing system of Mughal Garden Parimahal, Srinagar of Floriculture Department Kashmir as per details given below:

The participants have to quote their bid amount in the concerned BOQ: -

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Pre Qualification Documents of tender

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OFFICE OF THE FIELD DIRECTOR.

KANHA TIGER RESERVE MANDLA (MP) 481 661 Email: fdknp.mdl@mp.gov.in, Ph: 07642-250760 & Fax: 07642-251266 Mandla, dated 11/01/2021 No./DM/134

E-Tender for Procurement & Supply of Digital VHF Wireless Sets (DMR) with Accessories for Madhya Pradesh Forest Department (Tender No./DM/3485, Mandla, Date 17/12/2020) Corrigendum No. 1 regarding extension of last

date of bid submission. All the interested bidders are advised to make note that the last date of submission of bid has been extended to 27.01.2021 upto 15.00 hrs. and

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1	Date, time and venue of Pre-bid Conference	22.01.2021 at 11.30 A.M. in the O/o PHSC at above mentioned address
2	Bid submission Closing Date and time	11.02.2021 upto 4.30 P.M.
3	Last date & Time for submission of hard copies of Technical bids & EMD	12.02.2021 till 11.00 A.M.
4	Date and time for opening	12.02.2021 at 11.30 A.M.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

ECONOMIC REVIEW

Women's participation in economic activities up in Kerala

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 14

WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION in economic activities has increased considerably in Kerala, largely driven by self-employment and casual labour, especially in rural areas, according to the Economic Review 2020 tabled in the assembly by state Finance Minister Thomas Isaac on Thursday.

Quoting the periodic labour force survey, the Economic Review said female workforce participation rate in Kerala grew to 20.4 per cent in 2018-19 from 16.4 per cent in 2017-18. The workforce participation rate is defined as "the percentage of persons in the labour force among the persons in the popu-

"This is the first time that women in Kerala are more actively participating in economic activities than their counterparts at all-India level," the Economic Review said. The women in the state have a higher participation rate than that of all-India average in all age groups, except the age group of 15-29 (a chunk in this group could be pursuing education), it said.

Though both male and female labour force participation rate (LFPR) and work participation rate (WPR) increased, the increase in women LFPR and WPR is more evident.

The Economic Review attributed the increase in women's participation in economic activities to increase in self-employment and casual labour. It said this was possible due to the special emphasis on NREGA, the state's Ayyankali Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme and the self-employment opportunities promoted through micro/nano enterprises to provide remunerative work to women in the post-2018 flood recovery phase.

Due to the unprecedented floods and landslides of August 2018 and 2019, and the 2020 pandemic, the budgets of the last three years have focused on livelihood revival/rebuilding, giving more priority to women, the Economic Review said.

Despite resource constraints the government focuses on women's employment with a big thrust in particular on women entrepreneurship, both agrobased and non-agro based, traditional and non-traditional, it said

Ramani's lawyers built imaginary story: Akbar to court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

FORMER UNION Minister M J Akbar, who has filed a criminal defamation case against journalist Priya Ramani over allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment, through his lawyers told a Delhi court on Thursday that Ramani's lawyers built an "imaginary story in their defence".

The submissions were made by senior advocate Geeta Luthra on behalf of Akbar before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ravindra Kumar Pandey. Her rebuttal could not be completed and will be heard again on January 18.

Luthra told the court, "They have built an imaginary story in their defence. They say Vogue article has two parts and only the first part pertains to M J Akbar. There is no credit, attribution in the second part." She was referring to Ramani's article in the mazagine in which she wrote about alleged sexual harassment at workplace.

Later, with several other women making similar allegations against him, Akbar resigned as Minister of State for External Affairs in October 2018.

On Ramani's tweet with respect to his resignation, Luthra told the court, "I have shown her contradictions. In notice, cross examination of Mr Akbar, she says it's the truth. Then she says there is no enquiry. What is the sense of responsibility? She's saving as if it was a victory. But it's not victory, it's vindictive-

IndiGo staffer's killing: Cops probe business angle HC to Amethi cops: No coercive action against interfaith couple

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, JANUARY 14

INDIGO executive Rupesh Singh also worked as a liasioner for contractors and it is being investigated if he was targeted by someone whose business interest was hurt because of him, police sources have told The Indian Express.

Singh (38) was shot dead on Tuesday outside his residence in Patna. The Opposition has targeted the Nitish Kumar government over the incident.

"Singh was well connected with important people in politics and bureaucracy and would work as a liaisoner between contractors and people with influence in energy, water resources and rural works departments. We are trying to find if he was targeted by anyone whose business interest was hurt," said a police source.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 14

THE ALLAHABAD High Court has ordered Amethi police not to take any coercive action against an interfaith couple, married for the last three years and having a child from the wedlock, under the anti-conversion ordinance.

The Lucknow Bench of the High Court put the restraint on police on a plea by the Amethi-based couple alleging harassment by the local police under the provisions of new law.

The Bench also sought the

stand of the state on the couple's

have a child but after the prom-

ulgation of the stringent anti-

conversion ordinance, the police

have been harassing them on the

woman's family. The petitioners' lawyer, A K Pandey, alleged that couple was married three years ago and also

The couple said in their petition that the woman's parents had lodged an FIR with the police accusing the husband and others of his family of kidnapping their daughter for mar-



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OUR FALLEN HEROES IN THE YEAR 2020

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CAPTAIN	ASHUTOSH KUMAR	INFANTRY	NAIK	CHITTE SURESH GORAKH	INFANTRY	RIFLEMAN	SHUBAM SHARMA	INFANTRY
SUBEDAR	SANJIV KUMAR	INFANTRY	NAIK	SHANKAR SINGH MERHA	INFANTRY	RIFLEMAN	LAXMAN BC	INFANTRY
SUBEDAR	SUKHDEV SINGH	INFANTRY	NAIK	JOGENDRA SINGH SOLANKI	INFANTRY	COLONEL	ASHUTOSH SHARMA, SM**	MECHANISED INFANTRY
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SUBEDAR	RAM RATAN KUMAR	INFANTRY	SEPOY	RYADA MAHESHWAR	INFANTRY	NAIK	RAJESH KUMAR	MECHANISED INFANTRY
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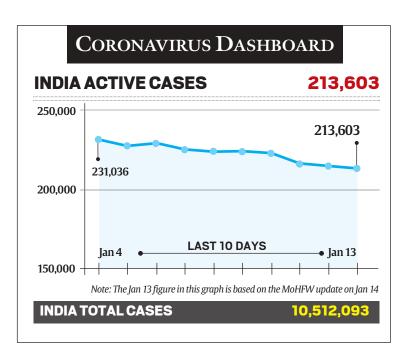
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Trump impeached, but what's the point now?

CATIE EDMONDSON

WASHINGTON DC, JANUARY 14

UNITED States House of Representatives on Wednesday impeached President Donald Trump for a second time, after he egged on a mob of his supporters to storm the Capitol while Congress was meeting to formalise President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

No US President has ever been impeached twice. The first time Trump was impeached was in December 2019, over the alleged abuse of power by him in the Ukraine phone call case. In the trial that followed, the President was acquitted by the Republican majority in the Senate.

The article of impeachment charges Trump with "incitement of insurrection", saying he is guilty of "inciting violence against the government of the United States". It cites Trump's weeks-long campaign to falsely discredit the results of the November election, and quotes from the speech in which he told his supporters to go to the Capitol.

The point of impeaching

Trump's final full day in office is Tuesday, January 19. That is also the earliest date on which the Senate is scheduled to meet, and the leader of the Republican majority, Mitch McConnell, has said the trial cannot begin before that. Thereafter, the Senate will need time to set the rules for the impeachment trial, so it is unlikely that proceedings can begin until after Biden takes over on

January 20. And even if 17 Republicans in the Senate vote with the 50 Democrats to create a two-thirds majority (required to remove Trump from office), Trump would already be gone by then.

But proponents say impeachment is worthwhile even then.

Democrats have argued that Trump's offence is so grave that it must be addressed, even with days remaining in his term. To let it go unpunished, Democrats have argued, would set a dangerous precedent of impunity for future Presidents.

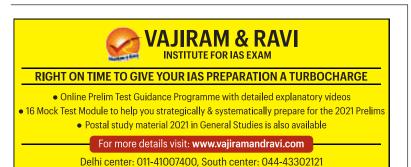
Consequence for Trump

The biggest consequence could be disqualification from holding public office again. This won't happen automatically with a Senate conviction — however, the Constitution in such a situation allows for a subsequent vote to bar a convicted official from holding "any office of honour, trust or profit under the United States".

This vote will need only a simple majority, and after January 20, the Democrats will have that (with Vice President Kamala Harris holding the casting vote). Some Republicans - including those who are contemplating a White House run in 2024 and would like Trump removed from the field, as well as those who believe this could be an opportunity to rid the Republican Party of Trump — could also back the vote.

However, there is no precedent for disqualifying a President from future office, and the case could go to the Supreme

The New York Times



SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Who gets vaccine, and how

The Health Ministry has communicated a fact sheet about the two Covid-19 vaccines rolling out on Saturday. Here's all you need to know about exceptions, precautions and possible adverse events.

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

TWO DAYS before the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccination drive, the Union Health Ministry has sent to all states and immunisation officers, a comprehensive fact sheet for both vaccines — Covaxin and Covishield — that will be used during the initial phase of vaccinating a priority group of 3 crore people.

What is this fact sheet?

It contains general information on the vaccine platform, physical specifications, dosage, cold chain storage requirements, and specific guidelines on contraindications (a factor due to which the vaccine is to be withheld to certain categories of people) as well as adverse events that may happen following vaccination. The fact sheet also details special precau-

The Centre has asked the states and immunisation officers to disseminate the fact sheet to all programme managers, cold chain handlers, and vaccinators before the rollout. The communication comes on the directions of the national drug regulator CDSCO, which, while granting accelerated approvals, had directed manufacturers Serum Institute of India (Covishield) and Bharat Biotech (Covaxin) that the vaccines should be supplied along with the fact sheet and a separate leaflet for the guidance of the healthcare provider.

So, what are the general guidelines?

■ The vaccination is only for people over the age of 18 years.

■ The vaccines are not interchangeable: the second dose will have to be of the same vaccine that was administered as the first

■ The vaccine should be given with "caution" to persons with a history of any bleeding or coagulation disorder - platelet disorder, clotting factor deficiency, or coagulopathy.

Vaccinators have to store both vaccines at +2°C to +8°C; protect them from light; and discard the vaccine if found to be frozen.

And what are the specific guidelines on contraindications?

The vaccine cannot be administered to people who belong to any of three categories: Persons with a history of an allergic re-

action to a previous dose of a Covid-19 vaccine (this would mean those who have taken a dose in a country where vaccination has already started);

People who show an immediate or delayed onset of an allergic reaction to vaccines or injectable therapies, pharmaceutical products, and food items:

■ Pregnant and lactating women. Since hey have not been part of any clinical trial so far, women who are "pregnant or not sure of their pregnancy" and "lactating women" should not receive the vaccine at this time.

The fact sheet also deals with temporary contraindications.

What are these temporary contraindications?

For certain circumstances under the cate-

gory of temporary contraindications, vaccination is to be deferred for four-eight weeks after recovery. This covers three categories:

■ Persons showing active symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection

■ Covid-19 patients who have been given anti-SARS-Cov-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma

Acutely unwell and hospitalised patients (with or without intensive care) due to anv illness.

What health conditions are not contraindicated, meaning the vaccines can be given regardless?

■ Persons with a past history of Covid-19 infection can be administered with vaccine. Persons with a history of chronic diseases and comorbidities - cardiac, neurolog-

ical, pulmonary, metabolic, and malignancies – are also included. ■Persons with immunodeficiency or HIV,

and patients on immune suppression due to "any condition" can be administered with the Covid-19 vaccine. The fact sheet states, however, that the response to the Covid-19 vaccine "may be less in these individuals".

What are the possible adverse reactions mentioned?

These are dealt with separately for either

MILD ADVERSE EVENTS: For Covishield, the fact sheet says a few mild adverse events can happen following immunisation -injection site tenderness; injection site pain; headache; fatigue; myalgia (deep muscle pain); malaise (a feeling of overall discomfort); pyrexia (an abnormal elevation of body temperature); chills; arthralgia (pain in the joint);

and nausea.

In such cases, the fact sheets says the common painkiller paracetamol may be used "to provide symptomatic relief from post vaccination adverse reaction". **RARE ADVERSE EVENTS:** The nerves in

Covishield doses at a Pune Municipal Corporation store, from where it will be distributed to various centres. Arul Horizon

the body are covered with a protective layer called myelin — like a network of electric wires that helps transmit messages from the brain smoothly through the body. Conditions that damage myelin are called demyelinating disorders. The fact sheet says "very rare events of demyelinating disorders" have been reported following vaccination with Covishield, "with-

out the causal relationship establishment". It adds that Covishield should be given with "caution" to individuals with thrombocytopenia, a medical condition characterised by abnormally low levels of platelets.

And what about common adverse events with Covaxin?

MILD ADVERSE EVENTS: Among mild adverse events following immunisation, the fact sheet includes: injection site pain; headache; fatigue; fever; body ache; abdominal pain; nausea and vomiting; dizziness-giddiness; tremor; sweating; cold; cough; and injection site swelling.

RARE/SERIOUS EVENTS: None are listed. Bharat Biotech, the manufacturer, has said no serious adverse event has been reported in either phase 1 or phase 2 trials — or in the ongoing large phase 3 trials with 25,800 participants, it has said.

Bharat Biotech has also said that chloroquine and corticosteroids, both used as repurposed drugs in Covid-19 clinical management, "may impair antibody response" likely to be triggered by the vaccine.

How have vaccines performed on safety so far in countries that have begun?

Wherever Covid-19 vaccines have been used anywhere in the world, they have been ound to be generally safe so far.

In a small section, an adverse event called anaphylaxis has been recoded. This is a severe, life-threatening allergic reaction that occurs rarely after vaccination. According to the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), monitoring by the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System detected 21 cases of anaphylaxis—out of a reported 1,893,360 first doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine that were administered between December 14 and 23. That is 11.1 cases per million doses. Of these, 71% occurred within 15 minutes of vaccination.

The CDC said that 175 case reports had been identified for further review as possible cases of a severe allergic reaction. "Twentyone cases were determined to be anaphylaxis (a rate of 11.1 per million doses administered), including 17 in persons with a documented history of allergies or allergic reactions, seven of whom had a history of anaphylaxis," the CDC said. "Of the remaining case reports that were determined not to be anaphylaxis, 86 were judged to be non-anaphylaxis allergic reactions, and 61 were considered non-allergic adverse events," it said.

On Modern's mRNA vaccine, the other one authorised for emergency use in the US, the CDC said data is still limited. "Vaccination with Moderna Covid-19 vaccine commenced on December 21, 2020, and through December 23, 2020, an estimated 224,322 first doses of the vaccine had been administered; one report that met the Brighton Collaboration case definition criteria for anaphylaxis had been submitted to VAERS," the CDC said.

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

Amid vaccine hopes, will gold continue to give high returns in 2021?



SANDEEP SINGH & GEORGE MATHEW

GOLD GLITTERED as never before in 2020 and hit an all-time high of around Rs 58,000 per 10 grams. It gave maximum returns to investors, its surge largely aided by the economic slowdown across the world induced by the pandemic and surplus liquidity in the system. With vaccination set to begin on January 16, which will likely put livelihoods and the economy on the fast track to normalcy, will gold beat other investment avenues like stocks and real estate and give the same fabulous returns of 30%-plus as in 2021?

How much did gold gain in 2020?

Gold (.999 grade) rose from Rs 39,119 per 10 grams on January 1, 2020 to a high over Rs 58,000 before closing at Rs 50,123 on December 31, a rise of 28% in one year This means a buyer who bought 100 grams for Rs 3.91 lakh in the beginning of 2020 made a profit of over Rs 1.1 lakh in a year. In the international market, gold surged to a record high of near \$2080 per ounce in August 2020; its current level \$1840.

few years and picked up pace in 2020 owing to Covid-19. The 28% growth came on the back of a strong 22% growth in 2019.

In terms of returns, how does gold compare with stocks and real estate?

Considering that the one-year bank deposit rate is at 4.5-5%, gold has turned out to be a safer haven for investors. On the other hand, real estate prices didn't offer any gains. "The annual growth (y-o-y) in all-India Home Price Index (HPI) continued to moderate; it stood at 1.1 per cent in Q2 of 2020-21 as compared with 2.8 per cent growth in previous quarter and 3.3 per cent a year ago," the Reserve Bank of India said. "Gold has given the best return among all asset classes in 2020. It offered better returns than stocks and real estate. When compared to gold, BSE Sensex gave a return of 15.75% in the bygone year," said veteran stock dealer Pawan Dharnidharka.

What's the global scenario? Gold prices in India are influenced by the global trend. "The escalating virus situation is proving to be a challenge for the global economic recovery. Apart from this, lower interest rates worldwide and the US dollar's downtrend might prove positive for the yellow metal. Currently gold spot is flirting near \$1,900 per ounce. A sustained break might be seen in 2021, which might push the prices to \$1,980 per ounce and then \$2,050 per ounce," said Ravindra Rao, VP and Head of Commodity Research, Kotak Securities.

GOLD PRICE MOVEMENT Avg monthly gold price (In brackets, change over previous year) 50,123 31.250 (+31.6%) 60000 -30.832 26.678 (+8.6%) 38,091 (+19.5%) (+9.9%)(-10.8%) (+10.1%) 50000 (+21.9%)28,062 29,904 25,207 28,763 40000 (-5.5%) (+3.6%) (+36.8%)(-3.0%)30000 -20000 10000 Dec Dec Monthly gold prices are in Rs per 10 grams; Source: RBI *As on December 31, 2020

The big question is: will the gold rally continue in 2021? Major central banks have reduced their interest rate to almost zero per cent and could remain at these levels for at least one year or so. Central banks have also taken an aggressive stance providing liquidity in the market. "All the actions taken will have a spill-over effect on the economy, hence supporting the precious metal prices. The enormous liquidity push by central banks across the world is going to (underpin) fundamental support for continuation of gold strength," Damani said.

How is the gold demand in India?

Interestingly, gold demand in India showed a contrast during 2020. The total jewellery demand decreased by 48% to 52.8 tonnes in the September quarter compared to 101.6 tonnes in the same quarter last year. This was largely due to the rise in prices and lockdown. However, total investment demand during the third quarter surged by 52% to 33.8 tonnes compared to 22.3 tonnes in the same period of 2019 as investors accumulated gold. Stimulus measures have created excess liquidity in the market and there are expectations of an additional stimulus being announced by the US, which will boost bullion prices further. Also, analysts said, ambiguity related to recent developments on Covid vaccines is supporting the gold rally.

What do vaccine hopes augur for gold?

As of now, almost everyone is pinning their hopes on the vaccine and expecting their lives will return to normalcy in 2021. While that hope has resulted in some correction in gold prices, there are many who feel 2021 will not be as smooth as many others expect it to be. The pace and success of vaccination programmes across the world will hold the key; if there are hiccups, gold will remain on a high.

'For all the hope spurred by the breakthroughs on the vaccine front, we believe that most of 2021 will be a bumpy journey from vaccine to vaccination. The development of Covid-19 vaccines in a record time of a few months is commendable. But manufacturing and distribution to immunise a majority of the 7.8 billion world population is an expensive and lengthy exercise. And although the vaccine will slowly and steadily address the health crisis, the world still has an economic crisis to deal with," said Chirag Mehta, senior fund manager-Alternative Investments, Quantum AMC.

So, gold prices will remain bullish in **2021 too?**

Gold is poised for another rally in 2021. Analysts forecast prices could rise by another 25% and test the Rs 65,000 level (per 10 grams), "We continue to maintain our bullish view for the long-term perspective. On Comex, going into 2021, the price is expected to extend its bullishness to test a fresh all-time high level of \$2400-2500. Whereas on the domestic front, the price is likely to extend its gains by a further 25% and test Rs 65,000-68,000 level," said Navneet Damani, Vice President Commodities Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

"Gold and silver prices have had a good run since the start for 2020 with over 40% gains in gold and 70% gains in silver at one point. With some intermediate correction recently, the excess froth has been taken off and gold is getting ready once again for a next round of upside for 2021," he said.

Mehta said that while the initial upward move will be driven by additional fiscal stimulus from the US government, other factors will be an improving investment demand as well as consumer demand from India and China.

"The continued optimism on the economic recovery and surging risk assets could be a headwind for gold that could limit its rise. However, the fact remains that the economic rebound has been losing steam... When the liquidity-led momentum recedes and markets start reflecting ground reality, gold should reprice on back of constructive fundamentals," Mehta said.

There is also a feeling that with interest rates likely to remain low in developed economies, gold will become a more viable holding option than US Treasury bonds.

Another factor is geopolitical tensions around the world, including US-China relations and India China relations. "... Tensions between the major economies seem unlikely to de-escalate in the near future... The resulting uncertainty in equity, credit and currency markets will trigger a risk-off sentiment. This will push up investment demand for relatively safer alternatives like gold," Mehta said.



15 THE WORLD



MEANWHILE

AUSTRALIA TO KILL PIGEON THAT CROSSED PACIFIC

A racing pigeon has survived an extraordinary 13,000-km Pacific Ocean crossing from the United States to find a new home in Australia. Now authorities consider the bird a quarantine risk and plan to kill it. The bird had disappeared from a race in the US state of Oregon on October 29, last year, and was found in Melbourne on December 26.

WORLD



At the Nayapara camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Reuters

BANGLADESH Fire at refugee camp: Hundreds of Rohingya left homeless

A LARGE fire tore through a crowded Rohingya camp in the Cox's Bazar area of Bangladesh on Thursday, destroying hundreds of ramshackle shelters and forcing displaced Muslim refugees to flee in the winter chill. The blaze claimed no lives but left hundreds of people without homes, according to aid workers and officials. It struck at a time when officials in Bangladesh look for longterm solutions for the hundreds of thousands of refugees who have crossed its border from Myanmar in recent years. The fire erupted around 1 am in the Nayapara refugee camp in southeast Bangladesh, NYT

PAKISTAN

Attack on temple: 12 police officials dismissed

KHYBER Pakhtunkhwa provincial government in Pakistan has dismissed 12 police officials following an enquiry report that found them guilty of "negligence" in protecting a Hindu temple in the province, which was torched by a mob led by members of a radical Islamist party. The government also forfeited oneyear service of 33 police officials in connection with the incident. The temple was attacked on December 30 by the mob after members of the Hindu community received permission from authorities to renovate its building. The mob demolished the newly constructed parts. PTI

HONG KONG

11 held on suspicion of aiding activists' escape attempt

HONG KONG police have arrested 11 people over suspected crimes related to assisting a group of 12 prodemocracy activists accused of trying to flee the city by boat for Taiwan last year, police and activists said on Thursday. Those arrested included eight men and three women, aged 18 to 72, a police statement said. Daniel Wong, a lawyer who tried to help the 12 people detained in mainland China last August, was among those arrested according to a post on his Facebook page. **REUTERS**

10 REPUBLICANS JOIN DEMOCRATS IN VOTING TO IMPEACH

SENATE TRIAL UNLIKELY BEFORE TRUMP LEAVES OFFICE

FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO **BE IMPEACHED TWICE**

Trump impeached for 'incitement of insurrection'

Move opens prospect of banning him from ever holding public office again

NICHOLAS FANDOS

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 14

DONALD TRUMP on Wednesday became the first American president to be impeached twice, as 10 members of his party joined with Democrats in the House to charge him with "incitement of insurrection" for his role in egging on a violent mob that stormed the Capitol last week.

Reconvening in a building now heavily militarised against threats from pro-Trump activists and adorned with bunting for the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, lawmakers voted 232 to 197 to approve a single impeachment article. It accused Trump of "inciting violence against the government of the United States" in his quest to overturn the election results, and called for him to be removed and disqualified from ever holding public office again.

The vote left another indelible stain on Trump's presidency just a week before he is slated to leave office and laid bare the cracks running through the Republican Party. More members of his party voted to charge the President than in any other impeachment.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, declaring the past week one of the darkest chapters in American history, implored colleagues to embrace "a constitutional remedy that will ensure that the republic will be safe from this man who is so resolutely determined to tear down the things that we hold dear and that hold us together".

A little more than a year after she led a three-month process to impeach Trump the first time for a pressure campaign on Ukraine to incriminate Biden, Pelosi had moved this time with little fanfare to do the same job in seven days.

TOP HOUSE LEADERS CRITICISE TRUMP

He must go. He is a clear and present danger to the nation that we all love... It gives me no pleasure to say this, it breaks my heart."

- NANCY PELOSI HOUSE SPEAKER AND DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The President bears responsibility for Wednesday's attack on Congress by mob rioters. He should have immediately denounced the mob when he saw what was unfolding."

-KEVIN MCCARTHY TOP HOUSE REPUBLICAN

The House's action set the stage for the second Senate trial of the President in a year. However, that now seems unlikely to happen before January 20 — the day Trump leaves office and Biden takes oath as the new president. The Associated Press reported that the Senate trial could begin on inauguration day itself.

The last proceeding was a partisan affair. But this time, Senator Mitch McConnell, Republican of Kentucky and the majority leader, was said to support the effort as a means of purging his party of Trump. If a Senate trial resulted in Trump's conviction, it held out the prospect of barring him from ever holding office again. NYT



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi gavels in the final vote of the impeachment of US President Donald Trump, for his role in inciting an angry mob to storm the Congress last week, at the Capitol in Washington on Wednesday. AP

Expecting trouble, Washington locks down week before Biden inauguration

ASHRAFKHALIL & LOLITA C BALDOR WASHINGTON, JANUARY 14

ALL THROUGH downtown Washington, the primary sound for several blocks was the beeping of forklifts unloading more

There were no cars or scooters and seemingly no tourists Wednesday, just the occasional jogger and multiple construction crews at work. The US Capitol that proved such a soft target last week was visible only through lines of tall, black fence.

Two blocks from the White House, a group of uniformed National Guard troops emerged from a tour bus and headed into a hotel as a state of lockdown descended on Washington that will last through the January 20



National Guard troops inside the Capitol on Wednesday. AP

The FBI has warned that armed protests by violent Trump supporters were being planned in all 50 state capitals as well as in Washington for the days leading up to the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

"Clearly we are in uncharted waters," said Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser.

Police vehicles sealed off a huge swath of downtown DC, causing traffic snarls. Starting Wednesday, anyone inside the inauguration perimeter might be stopped and questioned.

Several downtown hotels, including one which had become a favourite hangout of the militant Proud Boy faction, have closed. AP

Under pressure, Trump puts out video condemning violence

MAGGIE HABERMAN & MICHAELSSCHMIDT

UNDER HEAVY pressure from his advisers, US President Donald Trump on Wednesday released a five-minute video recorded in the Oval Office condemning last week's mob violence at the Capitol and urging his supporters to stand down from further rioting next week.

The video was made public hours after Trump was impeached a second time and was the result, advisers said, of his realisation of the catastrophic fallout from the deadly siege, which also left lawmakers fearing for their lives in the seat of American democracy.

The video was released on a White House Twitter account.



impeached "As I have said, the incursion

of the US Capitol struck at the very heart of our republic," Trump said. "It angered and appalled millions of Americans across the political spectrum."

"I want to be very clear: I unequivocally condemn the violence that we saw last week." he added. 'Violence and vandalism have absolutely no place in our country. And no place in our movement. Making America great again has always been about defending the rule of law" and supporting law enforcement officials, he said. NYT

Twitter CEO defends Trump ban, but says it is 'dangerous'

New York: Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey has defended his company's unprecedented decision to permanently suspend US President Donald Trump from the social media site, but warned it could set a "dangerous precedent", admitting it reflected the company's failure "to promote healthy conversation".

Dorsey broke his silence on the company's decision in a series of tweets Wednesday. Twitter Friday announced that Trump was permanently suspended due to the "risk of further incitement of violence", days after his supporters stormed the US Capitol.

"I do not celebrate or feel pride



Twitter CEO **Jack Dorsey**

in our having to ban @realDonaldTrump from Twitter, or how we got here...," Dorsey said. "I believe this was the right decision for Twitter. We faced an extraordinary and untenable circumstance, forcing us to focus all of our actions on public safety." But, he said, the ban "sets a precedent I feel is dangerous: the power an individual or corporation has over a part of the global public conversation." PTI

New rule to raise wage rates for H-1B workers

Ugandans choose between long-time leader

and popstar politician in tense presidential vote

A generation gap that may lead to change

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, JANUARY 14

THE TRUMP administration has announced a final rule that will significantly raise the minimum wages that employers in the US must pay to foreign workers on visa programmes like the H-1B as part of efforts to protect American workers from being undercut by cheaper labour

REUTERS

KAMPALA, JANUARY 14

UGANDANS WEARING face

masks to brave the pandemic

voted on Thursday as police and

soldiers patrolled the streets of

the capital during a presidential

election pitting long-time leader

Yoweri Museveni against popu-

out of polling stations visited by

Reuters in Kampala, a stronghold

Long lines of voters snaked

lar singer Bobi Wine.

Days before the end of the adhelp protect the wages and job opportunities of American workers by reforming the wage methodology it uses to set prevailing wage rates to prevent potential abuses of its Permanent Employment Certification, H-1B, H-1B1 and E-3 Visa foreign worker pro-

YOWERI MUSEVENI, 76,

President, a post he has

The biggest threat to his

bid for a sixth term comes from

reggae star Bobi Wine, 38, who

has a large youth following. The

for an opposition galvanised by

popstar-turned-politician Wine

has had five terms as

held on to since 1986.

The H-1B visa is a non-immiministration of President Donald grant visa that allows US compa-Trump, the US Department of nies to employ foreign workers in in a news release on Tuesday. Labor said the final rule would speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies de-

pend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China. The final rule will improve the

accuracy of prevailing wages paid to foreign workers by bringing

fact that around 80% of

the Ugandan popula-

tion is below 30 could

work in the musician's

favour. However.

Museveni is seen by many as a

revolutionary leader who has

despite a campaign scarred by

brought peace to the nation.

them in line with the wages paid to similarly employed US workers, the Department of Labor said

Prevailing wage rate is defined as the average wage paid to similarly employed workers in a specific occupation in the area of intended employment.

It serve to protect US workers from competition posed by the entry of lower-cost foreign labour into the US

The government in the East

African country of nearly 46 mil-

lion people ordered an internet

blackout until further notice on

Wednesday, a day after it banned

channelling the anger of many

Ugandans who say former guer-

rilla leader Museveni, now 76, is an

out-of-touch dictator failing to

tackle unemployment and cor-

ruption. There are 17.7 million reg-

istered voters and results are ex-

pected within 48 hours. **REUTERS**

Reggae artist Bobi Wine, 38, is

all social media apps.

AFTER MONTHS OF DIPLOMATIC WRANGLING

WHO team arrives in Wuhan to investigate pandemic origins

2 of 15-member team test positive, stay back in Singapore

SAM MCNEIL& HUIZHONG WU

WUHAN, JANUARY 14

arrived Thursday in the Chinese city where the coronavirus pandemic was first detected to conduct a politically sensitive investigation into its origins amid uncertainty about whether Beijing might try to prevent embarrassing discoveries.

The group sent to Wuhan by the World Health Organisation was approved by President Xi Jinping's government after months of diplomatic wrangling that prompted an unusual public complaint by the head of WHO.

Scientists suspect the virus jumped to humans from bats or other animals, likely in China's southwest. The ruling CommunistParty, stung by complaints it allowed the disease to spread, says the virus came from abroad.

Fifteen team members were



The WHO team at the Wuhan airport on Thursday. AP

to arrive in Wuhan on Thursday, but two tested positive for coronavirus antibodies before leaving Singapore and were being retested there, WHO said in a statement on Twitter.

The rest of the team that arrived in Wuhan will undergo a two-week quarantine as well as Covid tests, Chinese state media said. They are to start working with Chinese experts via video conference while in quarantine. AP

Instagram influencers are a

POPE FRANCIS. EX-POPE **BENEDICT BOTH GET COVID VACCINE: VATICAN**

Vatican: Both Pope Francis and ex Pope Benedict have received the first dose of a vaccine against coronavirus, the Vatican said on Thursday. The 84-year-old pope and the 93-year-old former pope. got their jabs as part of a Vatican vaccination programme that began on Wednesday. Both men are vulnerable to contracting the virus because of their age. There have been fewer than 30 cases of coronavirus in the Vatican City. most of them among the Swiss Guard, who live in a communal barracks. **REUTERS**

RUSSIA TO SEEK EU NOD FOR SPUTNIK V VACCINE

Moscow: Russia will submit a for-

mal application to the European

Union next month for approval of its Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine, the head of Russia's sovereign wealth fund said on Thursday. Peer-reviewed results of the vaccine would be released shortly and would demonstrate its high efficacy, fund chief Kirill Dmitriev said in an interview at the Reuters Next conference. He said Sputnik V would be produced in seven countries. He added that regulators in nine countries are expected to approve the vaccine for domestic use this month. **REUTERS**

deadly crackdowns.

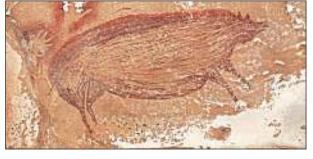
Pig painting may be world's oldest cave art: archaeologists

THE PAINTING ON AN INDONESIAN ISLAND IS THOUGHT TO BE AT LEAST 45,500 YRS OLD

BECKY FERREIRA JANUARY 14

IN A hidden valley on an Indonesian island, there is a cave decorated with what may be the oldest figurative art ever glimpsed by modern eyes.

The vivid depiction of a wild pig, outlined and filled in with mulberry-hued pigment, dates back at least 45,500 years, according to a study published Wednesday in Science Advances. It was discovered deep inside a cave called Leang Tedongnge in December 2017, during an archaeological survey led by Basran Burhan, a graduate student at



The painting in a cave on the island of Sulawesi. NYT

Griffith University and co-author of the new research. The animal in the painting resembles the warty pig, a species still living today on the island of Sulawesi where the cave is.

Sulawesi was already considered by some experts to be the

site of the earliest known representational cave art in the world. A captivating scene elsewhere on the island, which displays human-animal hybrids, was found to be at least 43,900 years old, reported by the same team in a 2019 study.

These examples of cave art, along with another pig figure spotted at a cave further south by Adhi Agus Oktavhiana, also a graduate student at Griffith University and co-author of the study, hint at the rich cultures living on the Indonesian islands. The discoveries also open a debate over whether the artists could have been Homo sapiens, or members of another extinct human species. The Leang Tedongnge site is only about 40 miles from Makassar, a bustling city of some 1.5 million people. But the cave has remained virtually untouched because it is so challenging to reach.

"Getting to it requires a difficult trek along a rough forest path that winds through mountainous terrain and ends in a narrow cave passage, which is the only entrance to the valley," said Adam Brumm, also an archaeologist at Griffith University and a co-author of the study. "The valley can only be accessed during the dry season; during the wet season the valley floor is completely flooded and the residents have to travel around on dugout canoes." NYT

vaccine priority in Indonesia

New Delhi

REUTERS JAKARTA, JANUARY 14

AMONG THE first in the queue for coronavirus vaccines in Indonesia has been one conspicuous group social media influencers.

Alongside President Joko Widodo, as the world's fourth most populous country kicked off its vaccination drive on Wednesday, was Indonesian television personality, Raffi Ahmad, who boasts almost 50 million followers on Instagram.

"Alhamdulillah [Praise be to God] a vaccine ... Don't be afraid of vaccines," the 33-year-old celebrity wrote under a video of him receiving the shot, next to a heart emoji and another of Indonesia's red and white flag.



Ahmad gets a vaccine shot. Reuters

Senior health ministry official, Siti Nadia Tarmizi, said the decision to include influencers alongside almost 1.5 million healthcare workers in the first round of inoculations was a deliberate government communications strategy.

There has been scepticism in Indonesia around the safety and efficacy of vaccines, and whether they are allowed under Islam.

Indonesians are among the top global users of social media platforms like Instagram.

CROSSWORD 4328



A dissipater able to meet

Restore control to the country

5 Tommy's quiet; possibly a sign

6 I personally leave after an early

obligations (7)

of illness (7)

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Ill-suited for work (6)

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good maxim (9)

14 Vaguely related to the

16 Charles is out in the forest

17 Change the fares before the

(5) 20 One advantage of changing

22 Some music of vital

importance (3)

18 Ear-piercing features of organs

end of March again

12 Guard what one says - it's a

- **ACROSS** Possibly grasp a support (5)
- See 19 Across
- I am after the French garland of flowers (3) Temple too elaborate for tribal
- symbol (5,4) 10 Indispensable element in
- German city church (7)
- 11 One who draws a London
- landmark(5) 13 Characteristics begin holding
- one back (6) 15 Number after a new atom
- bomb explosive (6)
- 18 A Belgian city is the subject
- 19 and 4 Across: Yet we don't wipe down with them
- 21 Barely countenanced (9)
- 23 A Scot's surprised expression
- 24 A hundred cheers perhaps or
- one cry of terror (7) 25 The main comings and goings

Solutions Crossword 4327: Across: 1 Art gallery, 8 Oscar, 9 Staunch, 10 Treason, 11 Poser, 12 Foyers, 14 Settle, 17 Libra, 19 Inherit, 21 Cushion, 22 Again, 23 Limitation. Down: 2 Rockery, 3 Germs, 4 Losing, 5 Example, 6 Yanks, 7 Charleston, 8 Out of place, 13 Realism, 15 Tornado, 16 Linnet, 18 Basil, 20 Heart.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis









CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson









MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and iumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

People ___what they __. - Jacques Yves Cousteau (7,.,4)





Answer: People protect what they love. - Jacques Yves Cousteau SOLUTION: EVERY, OUTGO, LOCKET, PURVEY

Difficulty Level 2s Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The Moon's entry into a lively region of your chart could

come as a welcome relief. You should feel more in control of home and family affairs than may have been the case in the recent past, although financial matters remain dodgy. It may be a partner who is unreliable, but it might also be your judgement that slides.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) This is very much a time to behave like a true Taurean –

resolute, responsible and keen to retain all that is best from the past. However, please be very aware that at particular moments you will be obliged to compromise. So, you'd better start looking for an escape

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) There does seem to be a real chance that the emotional strain

of the current times will have an adverse effect on your health. Bearing in mind that astrology deals with prevention rather than cure. don't let this week's irritating stresses and strains get to you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Your lunar alignments remind you of the importance of

professional activities and ambitions. In some strange way, work may be a means for you to provide yourself with emotional security, or a feeling that you have a genuine role in

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
A number of long-

term commitments may have come under increased scrutiny, but that's no reason to walk away from a responsibility. It may be more useful to you to stick around for a while and see exactly what can be worked out. Partners may be prepared to do more than their fair share - if you ask

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Mercury is still

exerting a powerful pull over your sign, and will do so for another eight weeks. This is an indication of celestial protection which should see you recover from current battles and pass unscathed through the next two months' worth of ups

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

BY PETER VIDAL

Although the celestial relationship between Mars and the Sun is placing you under personal pressure, others are barking up the wrong tree if they imagine they can out-manoeuvre you. Conciliation is the key, but only you have the instinctive sense of what needs to be said - and done.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) A family or domestic matter may be settling down, but

professional Scorpios are not out of the woods just yet. Remember one piece of vital advice: a good general never starts a battle that can't be won. The struggle you're facing, though, should be a war of words.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Personally and emotionally, things are likely to remain uncertain, partly because others are vacillating

and unwilling to make a decent commitment. Even those who do make arrangements are liable to break them! That's why you should keep your options open. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

If you use finances as a bait, you could be taking a big risk.

people may accept you at face value, or you may let yourself in for commitments you can't keep. Put home and family first, for it's the people who know you best who will stick by you.

Either other

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Venus, planet of love, is approaching a single degree of your solar chart which

denotes your relationships. You should therefore feel only optimism for the future, no matter what current events suggest; if you hope for the best then the best is more likely to happen.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Self-knowledge is a

Piscean speciality and you have a rare and remarkable understanding of what must be done. Deep down you

know that the time has come to sever one particular tie or association and concentrate on another which seems to have more meaning.

Form No. 15 BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL Wing: A,B &F (2nd Floor).

Parisar (GPOA) Near Rajiv Nagar Thana Ashiana Digha Road, PATNA 800025 O.A./M.A NO: 260 of 2020 Applicant : STATE BANK OF

INDIA, (SARB), PATNA

Respondent Defendant s: Sehra Real Estate Developers Pvt. Ltd. SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

(PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993. 1. Sehra Real Estate Developers

Pvt. Ltd., PV 505, Block B, 5th Floor Patliputra Mall, Exhibition Road, Distt.-Patna-800001 2. Shri Hemant Kumar (Director)

Sehra Real Estate Developers Pvt. Ltd. S/o Kailash Grain. Bengali Tola, Near Devi Asthan Patna. Shri Rajnikant (Director) S/o

Nagendra Prasad, B-23. Sachivalaya Colony Kankarbagh,

Shri Santosh Kumar (Director) Sehra Real Estate Developers Pvt. Ltd. S/o Late Shival Singh, Vill- Jararpur, P.S- Harnaut,

Nalanda. ..Defendants. Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankcruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs.33.63.610.00 Rupees thirty three lacs sixty three thousand six hundred ten only. The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in Person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 25/02/2021 at 10.30 A.M. (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned Hereir before, the Proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Give under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 7th day of January 2021.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

REGISTRAR

A, B & F Wing, 2nd Floor, Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karmchari Parisar (GPOA), Near Rajeev Nagar Thana, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna-800025 O.A. No. 721 of 2019 Bank of India, A. N. Puri Branch, Gaya, Town & District - Gaya 823001. (IFSC Code BKID0004480)Applicant

SUDOKU

Versus Ravi Shankar Suman @ Ravi Kumar Suman & others

SUMMON ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURES RULES-1993)

1. Ravi Shankar Suman @ Ravi Kumar Suman, S/o- Sri Baliram

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT PATNA

Singh, Resident of Village- Bali, PO- Adai, PS- Konch, District-Gaya, (PAN NO.-ESPPS8481C). m Singh S/o- Late Sa

PO-Adai, PS-Konch, District-Gaya. Gauri Shanker Sharma, S/o- Sri Baliram Singh, Resident of

Village-Bali, PO-Adai, PS-Konch, District-Gava Where the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of he Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act. 1993 against the defendant(s) for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 46,79,872.91 (Forty Six Lakh, Seventy

Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred, Seventy Two and Ninety One Paise)

with pendentelite and future interest etc. The above mentioned defendant(s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in persons or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 25.02.2021 at 10:30 AM

Forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day entioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in

vour absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this 6th day Jan.

2021. Registrar Debt Recovery Tribunal

FORM NO.15 BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT PATNA

A, B & F Wing, 2nd Floor, Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karmchari Parisar (GPOA), Near Rajeev Nagar Thana, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna- 800025 O.A. No. 638 of 2019

Bank of India, A. N. Puri Branch, Gaya, District - Gaya - 823001. (IFSC Code BKID0004480) M/s Maa Kamla Jaivik Khad & others ...Defendant(s) SUMMON ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURES RULES-1993)

(1)M/s Maa Kamla Jaivik Khad through its proprietor Pramod Kumar son of Sri Beni Yadav @ Shiv Bachan Yadav, Resident of village-Sherpur, P.O.-Churi, P.S.-Chandauti, District-Gaya 823001.

2)Pramod Kumar, Proprietor of M/s Maa Kamla Jaivik Khad, son of Sri Beni Yaday @ Shiy Bachan Yaday, Resident of village-Sherpur. P.O.- Churi, P.S.- Chandauti, District- Gaya 823001. (PAN NO. CCAPK3431P)

3)Jainendra Singh @ Jamindra Singh, son of Shri Shiv Bachan Yadav, Resident at village- Sherpur, PO- Churi, PS- Chandauti, District-Gaya-823001. (4)Shiv Bachan Yaday, son of late Ramadhar Yaday, Resident at

village-Sherpur, PO-Churi, PS-Chandauti, District-Gaya-823001. Where the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendant(s) for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 28,60,040.78 (Twenty Eight lacs Sixty thousand Forty and Seventy Eight paise) Only The above mentioned defendant(s) is/are therefore hereby directed to

appear before this Tribunal in persons or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 25.02.2021 at 10:30 AM (Forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the date mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this 6th day Jan.

2021. Registrar Debt Recovery Tribunal

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy CSTE/Con-I/ECR/Samastipur for & on behalf of president of India are invited Open online E-Tender.

E-Tender No. S&T-Con-I-SPJ-26-20-21, Name of Work: Provision of Automatic media changeover in sections targeted for FY 2020-21 & already commissioned at Samastipur, Muktapur, Kishanpur, Thalwara, Laheria Sarai and Darbhanga (06) Stations in connection with Doubling Work in Samastipur-Darbhanga Section of Samastipur Division. Muzaffarpur, Motipur, Mahwal, Mehsi, Chakia and Sugauli (06) Stations in connection with Doubling Work in Muzaffarpur - Sugauli Section of Samastipur Division, Majhowlia, Bettiah, Sathi, Narkatiaganj, Chamua and Harinagar (06) Stations in connection with Doubling Work in Sugauli - Valmikinagar Section of Samastipur Division of E.C.Railway Approximate Cost: Rs. 9153808.90 Earnest Money: Rs. 183100.00, Cost of Tender Document : 0.00, Completion Period: 06 (Six) Months. Last Date & Time of submission of online E-Tender 02/02/2021 up to 12:00, For details information, may kindly see the tender notice and tender documents which are available at Indian Railway website http://www.ireps.gov.in Assistant Signal & Telecom Engineer/ PR/1299/CSPJ/S&T/T/20-21/40

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, AT PATNA

O.A./M.A. 18/2020 Applicant · STATE BANK OF INDIA, STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB),

Respondent Defendant(s): M/s Ashutosh Enterprises & another. SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

(PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993. . M/s Ashutosh Enterprises through its properietor Ashutosh Kumar Upadhayay,

At+P.O. Mohammadpur, Saran. Ashutosh Kumar Upadhayay, S/o Ramashankar Upadhayay At+P.O. Mohammadpur, P.S. Manjhi, Distt. Saran. (Pan No ACYPU9027D)

..Defendants

Whereas the applicant has nstituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery a sum of Rs. 27,31,328.56 as on 04/10/2019 together with current and future interest, costs and for other reliefs

s/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to pe granted. (01.02.2021)

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show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 1st day of February 2021 at 10.30 a.m. (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not

The above mentioned defendant / s

THISTHE 18th DAY of Dec 2020. **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**

:- प्रकाशनार्थ :-द्द्वारा आगरा शहर के अन्तर्गत दिनांक 31.03.2010 से पूर्व के विद्युत बिलों की बकाया नराशि को मै0[°]टोरेन्ट पावर लि0 आगरा के ाध्यम से वसूलने हेतु द०वि०वि०नि०लि० ागरा द्वारा गठित की जाने वाली उच्च स्तरीय मिति के अध्यक्ष एवं विधिक सदस्य के पद के लेए वाह्य सेवानिवृत्त जज (जुडिशियल) की नेयुक्ति की जानी है। अतः समिति के अध्यक्ष एवं विधिक सदस्य पद हेतु इच्छुक सेवानिवृत्त जज (जुडिशियल) अपना पूर्ण बायोडाँटा, अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत नगरीय वितरण खण्ड—तृतीय, यमुना बैंक पावर हाउस, कॉलौनी, नुनिहाई रोड़, रामबाग, आगरा के कार्यालय में दिनांक 31.01.2021 तक उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करें जिससे अध्यक्ष एवं विधिक सदस्य पद हेतू नियुक्ति की कार्यवाही

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in Office of Superintending Engineer/Mech. Mtc. Circle-I G.H.T.P., Lehra-Mohabbat, Distt. Bathinda (Punjab) Pin-151111 se-mmc1-lehra@pspcl.in, Ph. 0164-2756434, Fax No. 0164-2756255 Regd. Office: PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-Tender Enquiry No: 19/MM-I/BMC-334(XI)/O&M/GHTP/2021

Short Description: Supply and application of Thermal insulating material of Boiler, Turbine side piping, valves, HP/LP Piping and Mechanical Auxiliaries o 2x210 and 2x250MW, GHTP, Lehra Mohabat. Earnest Money Deposit:- Rs. 68,000/- (Rs. Sixty Eight thousands only)

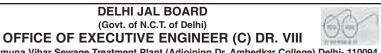
Last Date & Time for bid submission: 16.02.2021 upto 12.00 hrs. Date & Time of opening of Techno Commercial bid: 18.02.2021 at 12.00 hrs. Detailed NIT and tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL web-

site https://pspcl.abcprocure.com from dated 13.01.2021 onwards. The prospective bidders can obtain clarification regarding tender specification tions from this office. For registration of digital signatures and uploading of tender, information may be sought from M/s GePNIC, Contact No. +91-(120) 4001002/5.

It is informed that in case the tender process is not completed due to any rea son no corridendum will be published in newspapers. Detail regarding corri gendum may be seen on PSPCL official website i.e. https://pspcl.in.

> Superintending Engineer/O&M. Mechanical Mtc. Circle-I GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, District Bathinda-151111 (Punjab)

DELHI JAL BOARD (Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi)



Yamuna Vihar Sewage Treatment Plant (Adjoining Dr. Ambedkar College) Delhi- 110094 Phone: 011-22813593 Email: eecdr8@gmail.com "STOP CORONA; Wash Your Hand, Wear Mask, Maintain Social Distancing" PRESS NIT NO- 3 (2020-21)

S. No	Name of work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender (Rs.)	Earnest Money (EMD) (Rs.)	Tender process- ing Fee Non Refundable (Rs.)	Date of Release of Tender/ Tender Id.	Last date/time of receipt of tender	
1	Construction of 3.85 (MGD) WWPS including rising main at Harsh Vihar	(Lump Sum) BDO Basis	Nil (declaration form to be filled)	1500/-	2021_DJB_198644_1 dtd. 12.01.2021	08.02.2021 upto 3.00 P.M	
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GHTP-02/21

ISSUED BY PRO (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 315/2020-21

Sd/-**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C) DR- VIII**

Form No. 15 BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, AT PATNA

O.A./M.A. 01/2020

Applicant: STATE BANK OF INDIA, STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB) PATNA Respondent Defendant(s): M/s

Sidhi Vinayak Textile & others. SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVÈRY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.

To. 1. M/s Sidhi Vinavak Textile through its proprietor Anil Kumar having its shop situated at Gola Bazar, Sonepur.

Sri Anil Kumar, S/o Jawahar Lal Sah, resident of Gola Bazar, Sonepur. (Pan No. CYAPK9947A)

Sri Subodh Kumar, (Guarantor), S/o Sri Jawaharlal Sah, resident of Barbata, Sonepur Lalita Devi. (Guarantor) W/o Jawahar Lal Sah resident of

Barbata, Sonepur.Defendants. Whereas the applicant has nstituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act. 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs. 22,75,257.70 as on

10/12/2019 together with current

and future interest, costs and for

other reliefs. The above mentioned defendant / s is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 24th day of February 2021 at 10.30 a.m. (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not

Take notice that in case of default the application with heard and

determined in your absence. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNALS ON

THIS THE 6th DAY of Jan 2021. REGISTRAR **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**

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POLICY COVERS ADVERSE EVENT ON VOLUNTEERS

Pharma firms seek insurance cover for indemnity in Covid vaccine trials

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JANUARY 14

A HOST of pharma companies have opted to buy insurance covers from domestic general insurers for their clinical trials to develop such vaccines in the country. Some of the general insurers who have provided these covers include New India Assurance, ICICI Lombard General Insurance and Raheja QBE General Insurance,

sources said. The insurance cover, known as 'Clinical Trial Liability Insurance', seeks to indemnify the insured, including institutions or organisations conducting clinical trials, against legal liability arising out of clinical trials on claim-made basis, said Atul Sahai, CMD, New India Assurance, the largest general insurance company in the country.

The policy covers serious ad-

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

THE CORPORATE Affairs Ministry

on Thursday clarified that expen-

diture incurred by India Inc on

awareness campaigns on the

Covid-19 vaccination programme

would be counted towards their

mandatory Corporate Social

Responsibility (CSR) expenditure.

All companies with a net worth

of Rs 500 crore or more, a

turnover of Rs 1,000 crore or

more, or net profit of Rs 5 crore or

more are required to spend 2 per

cent of their average profit of the

previous three years on CSR ac-

carrying out awareness cam-

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tivities every year.

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

Spends on Covid vaccine

campaigns to count as CSR

The legal liabilities may arise out of death and bodily injury or disease to volunteers while undergoing clinical trials of product specifically named and insured. The policy provides cover for legal liability arising out of lack of care or negligence resulting in injury or death of the subject participating in the trial, said Pankai Arora, MD & CEO, Raheja QBE General Insurance.

The cover is taken till the particular medical product or vaccine trial for which the cover has been given is completed. Once the product is launched in the market, the cover ceases to operate. "The policy indemnifies the insured for legal costs, damages and compensation for injury or death caused to a research subject participating in a trial. The policy also provides cover for medical expenses in respect of such subjects who sustain injury arising out of their participation

Raheja OBE General insur-

outreach campaigns on Covid-19

vaccination programme is an el-

igible CSR activity," the Ministry

said in a notification. Prime

Minister Narendra Modi is set to

launch the rollout of India's

Covid-19 vaccine programme on

January 16 with about 3 lakh

healthcare workers set to receive

vaccine shots on the first day of

Ministry had last year taken a

number of steps to ensure that

companies could classify spends

on tackling Covid-19 as part of

their CSR expenditure. The

Ministry had notified last year

that any donations to the PM-

CARES Fund and state disaster

disaster management authorities

would count towards mandatory

The Corporate Affairs

the programme.

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ance has issued 119 'Clinical Trial Liability Insurance' policies including 53 covers exclusively for the "Covid-19 Clinical Trials" from April till November 2020. Of the 53 new policies given for clinical trials for developing Covid-

COVID IMPACT

22.63%:

Two-wheelers

to a research subject par-

ticipating in a trial.

19 remedies, some companies have taken more than one policy.

Sources said the premium for a 'Clinical Trial Liability Insurance' is based on risk exposure and depends on a wide range of factors. It may range anywhere from less than Rs 1 lakh for simple trials for limit of liability as low as Rs 50 lakh to over Rs 1 crore for complex trials for high limits of liability ranging from Rs 50-70 crore.

While most of these are Indian companies, some foreign and companies ventures/partnerships have also taken this cover, he said without disclosing the names of these pharma companies. Indian companies such as Zydus, Bharat Biotech and Gennova are developing indigenous vaccines, other domestic companies are collaborating with companies such as Institute Serum with AstraZeneca, Dr Reddy's with

Sputnik and Biological E with J&J. Insurers have already received some claims against Covid-19

74.25%:

Three-wheelers

'PV wholesales at 10-year low,

industry looking to regain biz'

April-December this fiscal, and the industry will have to work

hard to regain better volumes and business health, SIAM said

YEAR-ON-YEAR FALL IN SALES IN OTHER

SEGMENTS DURING APRIL-DECEMBER

Why is it important: The sales growth seen in the third quarter of FY21

contains some of the pent up demand from first quarter, so standalone sales

performance of Q3 may not be a true reflection of the industry's overall sales

Commercial vehicles

37.23%:

Passenger vehicle (PV) wholesales fell to a decadal low in

policies. Clinical trial cover market has grown at 30 per cent in India, but, this year, growth has been substantially higher due to Covid-19, Arora said.

India has a large pharma industry and some pharma companies have taken 'Clinical Trial Liability Insurance' for developing Covid-19 vaccine, said an official of a private insurance company, adding: "We have also issued some Covid-19 policies and have received some claims against these policies.'

Although the domestic clinical trial cover market is Rs 400-500 crore, despite growing demands and claims, the premiums for clinical trials haven't gone up post-Covid-19. Insurance officials said clinical trial premium is more expensive than other liability products. "We estimate the insurance market size to be about Rs 50 crore and our market share in the industry is around 10 per

cent," said an official.

16.06% Fall in PV sales during April-December period; from 21,17,920 units in same period

this fiscal, as per Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) data

of 2019-20 to 17,77,874 units

Sector-wise status from April-December 2020 numbers: ■ PV segment at 10-year low

■ Two-wheeler sales at 7-year

■ Commercial vehicle sales 10 years behind ■ Three-wheeler segment 20

Source: SIAM/PTI

INTERVIEW WITH CHAIRPERSON, COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA

'Concentration of power by itself not a concern ... CCI can see if dominance abused or not'

FROM MARKET studies into the telecom, pharmaceuticals and the digital market sectors to a review of the model concession agreements in key infrastructure sectors including airports, ports, railways and electricity, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) is reassessing India's competitive landscape, the antitrust panel's Chairperson, ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA, told The Indian Express in a September interview. Edited excerpts:

The CCI is learnt to have initiated studies on the telecom, pharmaceuticals and digital market sectors. How were these sectors selected?

The Commission has now decided to undertake market studies in the pharmaceutical, telecom and digital market sectors. Over a period of more than 10 years of enforcement of competition law, the Commission has had the occasion to look into multiple competition issues in these sectors. The Commission has received cases with allegations of anticompetitive conduct by market players in these sectors as well as reviewed various combination notices in these sectors.

Thus, the Commission intends to conduct market studies in these sectors. Specifically, the genesis of the study in the pharmaceuticals is a workshop on the sector organised by the Commission in 2018 and a note that was formulated based on the issues raised by stakeholders at the forum.

The study that is now underway is an attempt to empirically examine those issues, e.g. competition issues in pharma distribution segment, the extent of prevalence of branded generic drugs in India and their implications for competition, entry barriers for bio-equivalent drugs, etc. Appropriate enforcement of regulation and the competition law instruments, based on a clear understanding of how competition works in this sector and that of the interplay between competition and regulation, could improve market outcomes. The study, thus, also

Ashok Kumar Gupta

aims to identify areas of cooperation between the Commission and the relevant sector regulators.

What is the scope of the study into the digital sector? The study on digital mergers

is very different in scope and focuses on a specific issue. In view of the potential enforcement gap that asset/turnover based notification thresholds may leave in digital markets (given that the target enterprises in digital markets may operate on a zero/low turnover, asset light model), the Competition Law Review Committee (CLRC) recommended introduction of an enabling provision in the Competition Act empowering the Government in consultation with the Commission to introduce any other criteria for notification that may include a deal-value threshold. As on date, there is no readily available comprehensive dataset on digital mergers in India.

The Study on Mergers and Acquisitions in Digital Markets has been initiated to track the non-notified acquisitions and mergers in the digital sector in India, their deal values and the trends and patterns of such transactions to provide an empirical basis for the legislative amendment. The study is expected to serve as the groundwork necessary to come up with possible notification criteria that may be appropriate to capture

digital transactions for merger scrutiny. In the digital market, we may look to facilitate the entry for a new platform by ensuring parameters like data portability are followed, especially in cases where there is amassing of large amounts of data. If amassing of data acts as a barrier to entry, then the CCI can, through its power, suggest remedies within the regulatory framework.

Does the CCI see a problem of concentration of power in certain sectors like airports, ports, and highways?

Concentration of power by itself is not a concern. Policy of the government is to make economy more efficient, and in that process what the CCI can do is look at whether the dominance is abused or not. If there is abuse of dominance, CCI can take action under Section 4 of the Competition Act ... Sectors like airports, ports, highways, etc are those with natural monopolies, where the competition is not in the market, but for the market.

What is important is that the tender design for award of concessions ensures that competition for the market is vibrant – that there are enough players who are able to participate. Competition for the market through well designed tender documents and concession agreements will ensure that the outcomes are pro-competitive. It is like the digital sector, where the winner takes it all.

Once an entity has competed in the tender process and emerged as the successful bidder, they have won the market — which could be an airport or a port or a highway. Then they have that market for the next 30 or 40 or 50 years based on the time required for the entity to recoup their investments made into the project.

What is important that the incentives created are right, in this context we are reviewing some of the Model Concession agreements in sectors such as ports, airports, railways, electricity, etc.

Full interview on www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY —

Sell stakes in PSUs: Rajan

New Delhi: Ahead of the Budget, former Reserve Bank Governor Raghuram Rajan said the government should take advantage of the peaks in equity markets and sell stakes in PSUs.

Adani wins highway project

New Delhi: Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) on Thursday said it has won a Rs 1,838-crore highway project from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in Kerala. PTI

Samsung S21 series launched

New Delhi: Samsung on Thursday launched its flagship S21 series, starting with the top of the line Galaxy S21 Ultra, with and adaptive display with variable refresh rate and four rear cameras. Starting at Rs 1,05,999 in India, it will be compatible with the S-Pen stylus. The flagship series also features the smaller S21 and S21+.

F&O trading on Paytm Money

New Delhi: Paytm Money, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paytm is providing futures & options trading (F&O) on its platform, with brokerage starting at Rs 10. ENS

PFC bond for individual buyers

New Delhi: Power Finance Corporation (PFC) said the launch of its maiden taxable bond issue of Rs 5,000 crore for individual buvers that will open on January 15. PTI

systems may face more online attacks this year

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

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Strict lockdowns in countries across the globe to prevent the or QR codes, McAfee said.

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on petrol and diesel.

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

THE PRICE of petrol hit an all-time

and diesel prices in a nine-day pe-

riod, which has seen rates rise by

about Re 1 per litre, after 30 days

of no hike. According to experts,

prices are likely to rise further due

to a rally in crude oil unless the

government reduces excise duties

consistently strengthened since

the end of October – from around

\$37 per barrel to around \$56

The price of Brent crude has

quick response or QR codes, which have of late redefined the mode of peer-to-peer or customer-to-business payments, are likely to come under more attack in 2021, McAfee said in a report on Thursday. Cybercriminals will seek new ways to exploit the loopholes in both these systems, which have gained prominence over the last

year, the cybersecurity firm said.

spread of Covid forced users across the board to opt for payment of essential services either from mobile

FUEL PRICES AT RECORD HIGH

Mobile payment NCLT orders liquidation of dairy products firm Kwality

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JANUARY 14

A BENCH of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has ordered the liquidation of debt-ridden dairy and allied products firm Kwality Limited, after the Committee of Creditors (CoC) rejected the resolution plan submitted by Haldiram Snacks, the sole bidder. The court three of the New Delhi Bench of NCLT passed the liquidation order on Monday, which was made available on the tribunal's website on Thursday.

The company, which was founded in 1992, owes over Rs 1,900 crore to its lenders, and was admitted into insolvency in December 2018 on a petition moved by

Haldiram Snacks resolution plan failed to get 66% lenders' nod

Punjab National Bank (PNB) and global private equity firm KKR. Despite several extensions in the date to submit resolution plans, a joint bid of Haldiram Snacks and Pioneer Securities was the only plan in contention. Haldiram Snacks had initially made an offer of Rs 130 crore, improved it to Rs 142 crore, and finally revised it one more time to Rs 145 crore. A majority of the funds in the resolution plan had been allocated to

the financial creditors. Haldiram Snacks' plan, however, did not pass muster as it did not have over 66 per cent lenders voting in its favour and was therefore rejected. Following the rejection of the plan by CoC, the resolution professional of Kwality moved an application to liquidate the company as the time period of 270 days for completion of insolvency

process was long over. Kwality Limited, which makes allied milk products such as milk ghee, milk powders, lassi, chaach and flavoured milk, has also been under the lens of investigative authorities for cheating a consortium of banks led by Bank of India.

In September last year, the Central Bureau of Investigations had registered a case of fraud against the company's directors Sanjay Dhingra, Siddhant Gupta and Arun Srivastava.

Tata group puts post-Covid bet on digital, health and electronics

REUTERS MUMBAI, JANUARY 14

TATA GROUP plans to invest in digital, high-end electronics and healthcare in a post-pandemic world, the \$100 billion conglomerate's chairman said on Thursday. Tata will also place big bets on electric vehicles, renewable energy and battery storage, N Chandrasekaran added.

"When you look at trends for the future, definitely there are clear signs you can pick up. Anything that is digital, we're making a big bet on," Chandra told Reuters Next conference. Covid has accelerated the adoption of technology, changing the way people live, he added.

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ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPCL invites sealed bids in English through GoK e-Procurement platform https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from the qualified bidders for Supply of 1 No. 50 MVA, 220/6.9/6.9KV, 3ø, 4 winding, 50Hz, ONAN/ONAF cooled Station mer with on load tap changer along with NGTs and NGRs filled with oi for Rajchur Thermal Power Station. Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in under login fo Contractors. Further details can be had from The Chief Engineer (Thermal Designs) KPCL, No. 3, (Green Building), 2nd Floor, Behind Drug Controller Office Premises Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Mob: 94815 47035 (Exe. Engr Ele-2). E-mail kpclcetd@gmail.com; cetdkpcl@karnataka.gov.in Website: www.karnatakapower.com

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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No.: KR-CO-SG-TENDER-03A-2020 dt. 15/01/2021. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer invites E-Tender bids (Two Packet Open Tender System) from Eligible and Experienced Contractors: The Tender constitutes the following works -

- 1) Supply, Laying, Testing and Commissioning of 24 Fibre Armoured OF Cable 6-Quad Jelly Filled Cable and 20 Pair Jelly Filled Telecom Cable for KRCL of about 350 Kms. in Mid Sections of KRCL route (of 740 Kms) i.e. Roha to Thokur, a Tenderers own cost
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13.01.2021 a) Name of Work: Construction of Rail Flyover and its approache on Viaducts, Formation in Embankments/Cuttings including Blanketing, Suppl and Spreading of Ballast and related works for single track bi-directional electrified railway track on Item-Rate Basis for DDU B-route RFO connecting DFCCIL DDU yard with Vyasnagar station of Northern Railway and othe elated works such as Quarters, Water Tank, Drainage etc. in connection with construction of EDFC b) Tender Value (Rs.): Rs. 296,08,57,295/-(Rupees Two Hundred Ninety Six Crore Eight lacs Fifty Seven Thousand and Two Hundred Ninety Five Only). c) Earnest Money (Rs.): To be submitted in the form of Bid Security Declaration as per Form No. 24 of Technical Bid d Period of Completion: 24 months e) Cost of Tender Documents for each tender: Rs. 29,500/- (Inclusive of GST) The cost of the tender docume shall be deposited through e-payment mode at www.ireps.gov.in f Security Deposit: In addition to performance guarantee, the agency will have to deposit 5% security deposit to be deducted @ 10% of running of accounbills. g) Validity of Offer: 120 days h) Address of Communication : Genera Manager/Coordination/DDU, DFCCIL, Manas Nagar Railway Colony, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Nagar (Mughalsarai) Chandauli -232101, Uttar Pradesh, India **Acting through**:Ajit Kumar Mishra, IRSE Mobile +917897412000 Email:- ajitmishra@dfcc.co.in i) **Date & Time Schedule** Date & Time of Start & Submission of filled Tender Document NIT and Tender Document can be viewed after 00.00 Hrs. of 15.01.2021 and idding can be started after 00.00 Hrs. of 10.02.2021 and can be submitted u to 15.00 Hrs. of 26.02.2021 through www.ireps.gov.in Date & Time of Opening of Tender: Date 26.02.2021 at 15.30 Hrs. Opening date of Financial (Packet-B) will be notified later **j) E-Tendering Website Address as Help Desk No.: www.ireps.gov.in** For any help, please contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-23761525 (10 Lines). Any addendum/corrigendum will be posted or (Ajit Kumar Mishra

General Manager/Coordination DFCCIL/DDU

New Delhi

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Experts see cut in excise duty

high of Rs 84.70 per litre in the national capital as oil marketing com-■The central government panies (OMCs) hiked the cost of hiked excise duty on petrol to both petrol and diesel by 25 paise Rs 32.98 per litre from on Thursday. The price of diesel Rs 19.98 per litre at the also set a record high of beginning of 2019, and increased the excise duty on This is the fourth hike in petrol diesel to Rs 31.83 per litre

> Experts expect that the government will cut excise duties to curb the impact of higher fuel prices on inflation and to support a desirable valuation in the disinvestment of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. The central government hiked excise duty on

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Rs 19.98 per litre at the beginning of 2019, and increased the excise duty on diesel to Rs 31.83 per litre from Rs 15.83 over the same period to boost revenues. "The prices of petrol and diesel

are likely to rise further unless the government cuts excise duties," said Vivekanand Subbaraman, analyst at Ambit Capital, adding the government was likely to cut excise duty to curb the impact of high fuel prices on inflation. An analyst who did not wish to

be named said the government would also not seek to cut the marketing margins of OMCs further as it seeks to get a good valuation on the divestment of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. An ICICI Securities report noted

that the net marketing margins of OMCs may fall below zero at current fuel prices, forcing either a cut in excise duty or a further hike in the prices of petrol and diesel.

GOA JUMP TO THIRD SPOT IN ISL

A brace from Jorge Ortiz helped FC Goa script a 3-0 win over Jamshedpur FC in an Indian Super League match. Ortiz scored a goal each in either half (19th, 52nd) while Ivan Gonzalez added a late third (89th) after Alexandre Lima received marching orders following a second booking.

Bess spins a web as England bowl out Lanka for 135 on Day 1

ASSOCIATED PRESS GALLE, JANUARY 14

ENGLAND SET its sight on a meaningful first innings lead after offspinner Dom Bess took a career-best 5-30 to bowl out Sri Lanka for 135 on the first day of the first Test on Thursday.

Captain Ioe Root and Jonny Bairstow further thwarted Sri Lanka ambitions with a gritty, unbroken stand of 110 runs to close the day at 127-2, trailing by just eight runs. Root reached his half-century off 94 balls and was unbeaten on 66 with five fours, while Bairstow was 47 not out.

It could have been 52-3 but Root escaped on 20 when he successfully overturned a lbw decision through video referral. Root and Bairstow came together after left-arm spinner Lasith Embuldeniya removed openers Dom Sibley and Zak Crawley to reduce the visitors to 2-17 inside the first nine overs.

Both batsmen grew in confidence and neutralized the three-pronged spin attack of Embuldeniya, Wanindu Hasaranga and Dilruwan Perera through sweep shots and maintained a healthy run rate of 3.4 runs an over to raise the century stand. Earlier, stand-in captain Dinesh Chandimal, who won the toss and opted to bat, top-scored with 28 after regular skipper Dimuth Karunaratne was ruled out with a broken thumb in Sri Lanka's first home test since the pandemic began.

Stuart Broad picked up two early wickets in one over and 3-20 overall, while Bess found some unexpected assistance from the Galle International Stadium pitch to dismiss the home team just before tea. Bess, playing in Asia for the first time, claimed his first wicket with his second delivery when Kusal Perera went for an ambitious reverse sweep on 20 and gloved a simple catch to skipper Joe Root at first slip.

Broad, bowling around the wicket, had the left-hander Lahiru Thirimanne caught at leg slip on 4 in his fourth over. One ball later, Kusal Mendis fell for his fourth successive duck in tests as he got a faint edge off Broad's brilliant leg-cutter. Senior pros Chandimal and Angelo Mathews shared a 56-run, fourth-wicket stand until they departed in successive overs after lunch.

Mathews' milestone

En route to 27, Mathews became only the fifth Sri Lankan to pass 6,000 Test runs after Kumar Sangakkara (12,400), Mahela Jayawardene (11,814), Sanath Jayasuriya (6.973), and Aravinda de Silva (6.361).

But the former skipper was dismissed by Broad after the break when a loose shot was caught at slip by Root at chest height. In the next over, Chandimal, who reached 4,000 runs in Tests, gave a tame catch in the covers off Jack Leach. Bess ran through the tail quickly. Lawrence, who dropped an easy catch of Chandimal in the covers just before lunch. The visitors opted to rest James Anderson and picked Sam Curran and Mark Wood to partner Broad.

England wore black armbands in memory of former England test cricketers -- John Edrich, Robin Jackman and Dom Smith -who died recently.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 135 (Bess 5-30, Broad 3-20) vs England 127 for 2 (Root 66*, Bairstow 47*)

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From the Vulture Street end

Gabba has been a happy-hunting ground for Australia but for visitors, including an injury-hit India, it sends shivers down the spine

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HOURS AFTER landing in Brisbane, where the most dramatic of series in recent memory seeks closure, Josh Hazlewood sounded out a warning to the Indians: "We will be extremely dangerous in Gabba. We probably grow a leg up there." In the heat of the Sydney battle, Aussie skipper Tim Paine had issued a threat to Ravichandran Ashwin from behind the stumps: "Can't wait to get you to the Gabba." Months before the schedule of the series was fixed, Paine had requested Cricket Australia to start the series in Brisbane, before flinging a tongue-in-cheek dart at Virat Kohli: "Maybe we can get a pink-ball Test (in Brisbane) if he's in a good mood?

However, two weeks ago, it was uncertain whether the arena would indeed host this Test, due to Queensland's rigorous adherence to COVID-19 protocols.

Fearsome arena

Like every arena in Australia, Gabba has a unique characteristic. The Sydney Cricket Ground has an old-world grandeur, Melbourne Cricket Ground glows in its historic majesty, Adelaide has a laid-back, carnival-like feel. Perth's WACA breathes a fearful romance, the neighbouring Optus flaunts a glowering swankiness, and Hobart's Bellerive Oval exudes an offbeat charm. The Gabba simply frightens. The very name induces a shiver down the spine. Maybe, the stadium built over a swampland park was destined to frighten.

Gabba owes its name from Woolloongabba, the suburbit stands in. The old inhabitants used to call it Wulonkoppa, which means "fight talk place." It's a big bowl of an arena, a closed enclosure, where the crowd, possessing a fierce sense of rough regional identity, is shudderingly inhospitable. Few stadiums strike such an aural fear either. Gabbatoir, its moniker, provokes a hollow dread. Like being thrown into a slaughterhouse. Is there a more savagely-named bowling end in cricket than the Vulture Street End? As if the bowlers are circling around the batsman to rip the carcass apart. Outside the stadium, there is a board that reads: "Vulture St. One way." Often, for oppositions, there has been no way out.

The indomitable arena could get to the players. "Brisbane is not an occasion of joy. The



The Gabba pitch has preserved its distinctive characteristics over the years, offering bounce, pace and swing. cricket.com.au

dressing rooms, for a start, they are down underneath, so it's like you are locked into the dungeon, then you get released into this concrete jungle and the heat ... the heat just hits you as you come through the tunnel from an air-conditioned dressing room," former England captain Michael Vaughan once told BT Sport.

Aussie fortress

It's where Michael Clarke threatened James Anderson: "Get ready for a broken f^{****} n arm. It's where the security guys sledged the Barmy Army out of the stadium, It's where Mitchel Johnson spooked out Jonathan Trott with his chin music. It's where Australia routinely kickstarted their home Test summers. Passing through the crucible was the roughest examination of a touring team's mettle, of their minds as well as bodies. Unsurprisingly, the decision to move the season-opener away from Brisbane, due to financial considerations, met stout rebuke from past and present players, eventually forcing the reinstatement of the tradition from the next Ashes.

It's easy to see why Australia's cricketers love the Gabba so much — because Australians Few stadiums strike such an aural fear either. Gabbatoir, its moniker, a portmanteau of Gabba and abattoir, provokes a hollow dread. Like being thrown into a slaughterhouse.

love winning and at the Gabba, they almost always win. In 62 Tests, they have emerged victorious on 40 instances. They have lost only eight games, the last in 1988 to Viv Richards' West Indies. In their 32-match unbeaten streak since, they have drawn just seven games, mostly rain-hampered games. So crushing has been the authority here that they have enjoyed four 10-wicket victories, eight innings wins and seven with a margin in excess of 150 runs since their last defeat.

India have lost six of their seven games here, the only drawn game owed to Sourav Ganguly's heroic century, undoubtedly his best, in 2003. However, there have been several close brushes. Like in 1968, they fell short by

39 runs chasing 395, when ML Jaisimha stroked a magnificent 101. Nine years later, a WSC-depleted Australia snuck home by 16 runs, defending 340. The rest have been sound thrashings, including being bundled out for 58 and 98 on the 1947-48 tour. Only five Indian batsmen have scored centuries at the Gabba.

Little has changed

It's also one of the few surfaces in the country that have preserved their distinctive characteristics, retaining much of the intrinsic traits through the passage of time and intrusion of modernity. While concrete mass has obliterated the old dog-race track and obscured the hills, the soul of the venue remains intact.

Many other Australian grounds have had their identities eroded by drop-in turfs. The WACA has long lost its intimidating bounce and pace, MCG has become slower, SCG sluggish. But not the Gabba, thanks chiefly to the father-son pair of Kevin Mitchell senior and junior, who nursed and nurtured the ground for close to four decades, before Mitchell junior retired in 2017.

The senior used to collect bottles on the

ground for pocket money before joining the army. Then during a vacation in the 1970s, he just went to help his friend, a groundsman, at the Gabba. He did not rejoin the Army. The Mitchells looked after the ground like "their child", always keeping it green and pretty, battling and beating the elements. Brisbane can be like a furnace in summer. Winter is mild, but cyclones and thunderstorms are not too far any time of the year.

The sun, rain and benign winter encourage a luxuriant growth of couch grass — the secret behind hard, firm Gabba decks. In Queensland, it grows for almost 10 months, whereas in most other parts of the continent, it barely grows for six months. No wonder then that the Australian bowlers have enjoyed the bounce, pace and swing (when the clouds begin to drift in) it has offered for ages.

Cream rises to the top

Most of the legendary bowlers have sparkling records too. Dennis Lillee maintained an average of 20.16, Jeff Thomson 24.03, Glenn McGrath 21.75. Among their successors, Pat Cummins has picked his wickets at 15 runs apiece, striking every 36th ball. Mitchell Starc and Hazlewood have a much inferior, but still respectable, averages of 27.84 and 26.65 respectively. Spinners have relished the bounce. Shane Warne helms the bowling chart with 68 wickets at 20.30. Nathan Lyon has nabbed 35 at 29.37.

Good batsmen too have thrived, though only five have double hundreds on the honours' board, Donald Bradman averages 105, Greg Chappell 111 and Michael Clarke 103. But Brian Lara averages 22, Sachin Tendulkar 7.65, Virat Kohli 10. Clarke had a simple piece of advice to some of the New South Wales youngsters at the Gabba: "Play either with a horizontal bat or vertical bat. Nothing in between," The advice was passed onto him by arguably Queensland's most famous cricketing son: Matthew Hayden. If one man captures the essence of Gabba, in all its prowess to intimidate, it's Hayden.

But it has been a strange series, wherein adversities have only emboldened India. They have shown rare courage and grit to not only stand up to the Australians but also fling in the knockout punch when required. But it would not get more daunting than at the Gabbatoir. Survive the crucible, and India might well have achieved a rare slice of history.

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Satwik-Chirag lose, but on upward curve after long time away

SHIVANI NAIK JANUARY14

CHIRAG SHETTY is in the habit of keeping himself informed by reading up everything he can lay his hands on, when curiosity strikes. He carries the same thoroughness onto the badminton court. Except in the fast-paced second to parse through all the options clanking and colliding in his head, confusing his decision-making-when the opponent's ripping back the shuttle from across the net.

The coronavirus pandemic-forced time

away from competition gave Shetty all the time to deal with this predicament. As the World No. 10 pairing with Satwiksairaj Rankireddy were forced to practice individually, Shetty would go about decluttering all the choices in his head. While the young Indian doubles team remains a work in progress, they would come up against the Daddies of such decision-making in Round 2 at the Thailand Yonex Super 1000. The 21-19, 21-17 loss, where Chirag's tentative game would resurface, can be filed away as a lesson delivered first-hand by the masters of this game, World No. 2 Indonesians Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan. The Indians

were level at 17-all in the first game and close in at 17-16 in the next, but lacked the composure and clarity in closing out, driving home the need for Shetty to continue on his path of sorting out his half of the game. "When I was stuck in Mumbai and Satwik

was at his place, I took the opportunity to

train a lot with Mathias Boe (Olympic medal-

list from Denmark). He changed my perspec-

habit of being ready for every possible stroke. But he stressed that I need to be ready for the most likely one," Shetty explains. Anticipation is intuitive, and pretty much difficult to break down and teach. So Shetty is aware that he'll get better at it only by playing more and more. However, the high art of doubles badminton has practitioners around

the world, pickled in that culture of pre-emp-

tion. Boe is helping Shetty unlock those as-

pects of his individual game. While Satwik mixes brain and brawn effortlessly, Chirag is trying to learn the tricks of the trade - at times with a fellow doubles player, the now-retired Shlok Ramachandran, and at others from the big names of the sport.

Boe, his teammate in the Premier Badminton League one season, helped him bring the zing that top pairings from doubles powerhouses learn from sparring with many



Satwiksairaj (L) and Chirag lost to World No 2 Indonesians Ahsan and Setiawan. Badminton Photo

equally adept combinations. "When you hit across and know the partner's covering the return, that's just one dimension. But we get drawn into playing unnecessarily long rallies because we are still inexperienced. He's (Boe) helping meget into position anticipating a stroke that's most likely to be played and finish rallies quicker. I think I'm playing smarter, and hence calmer. But there's lots to learn of course," Shetty says.

Hong Kong pair withdraws

Hong Kong's Tse Ying Suet and Tang Chun Man gave a walkover to Germans Mark Lamsfuss and Isabel Herttrich in Round 2 of the Mixed Doubles at explained Hong Kong Institute of Sport advised the pairing to pull out, given a German coaching staff had tested positive at Bangkok and it was unsafe to play the pair, who were close contacts. She added though the Germans had tested negative several times, the "incubation period of 21 days" posed a risk.

The Indians duo last played a tournament exactly a year back, having skipped the All England and then getting stuck in lockdown in separate cities. Satwik would then recover from his Covid infection, before the two reunited only a couple of months back in Hvderabad.

While Shetty would continue to pick Boe's brains on service and returns and catching the shuttle early, the two have been part of individual up-skilling even when they got together in Hyderabad. 'There's lots of individual multi-sessions

under coach Dwi (Kristiawan). It's just standing strokes, but he's helped with drives and quick drills and anticipation as well," he says of the Indonesian who took over after Flandy

The Indians - almost assured to qualify mostly using pace to hustle them and pounce on their slightly slow reactions deep into a tournament, but could not bring on the same verve to blitz them in Bangkok, given the early season and how fresh every pairing is. Shetty-Reddy will need to do much more to leverage the age factor.

"The plan's to attack. They are a bit older, but surely the smartest pairing in the world," Shetty would say earlier. However, the plans to use their quicker reflexes, catch them fast and force them to lift, couldn't be executed.

"Have really missed the thrill of winning the last point of a match in this pandemic," Shetty would say. For someone who loves team dinners and the camaraderie, chomping on lunch alone in the room has been particularly rough. But the pandemic has taught him to confront precisely what makes him

FALL FROM GRACE

Keller: Olympic gold medallist, failed salesman & now Capitol Hill rioter

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A VIDEO on YouTube joyfully celebrates Klete Keller's greatest Olympic achievement. It's a replay of the swimming

4×200 metre relay event from the 2004 Athens Games. Keller, the anchor in the American line-up had the unenviable and seemingly unassailable task of keeping the in-form Ian Thorpe at bay.

By the time Keller dove in, the Americans had a decent gap but Thorpe closed-in immediately. At the 800m mark, the Australians, who had not lost the event in the previous seven years, were expected to retain the crown from Sydney 2000. But Keller held on, giving the US a 0.13 second win.

That was Keller's first Olympic gold – he'd be a part of the American team that won gold at the same race four years later in Beijing as well. Of late though, there's another video on social media that has been doing the rounds.

On January 6, when a mob of US President Donald Trump supporters approached the US Capitol to stop the formalisation of President-elect Joe Biden's win at the recent elections, Keller was clearly identified among the rioters, by former teammates and coaches.

It marked another fall from grace for the former athlete who had achieved the pinnacle of sport – he has won five Olympic medals (two gold, a silver and two bronze). He had lost his job and marriage after he retired from the sport, and just as he was looking to get back to his feet, he now faces arrest.

The charges

During the riots, Trump supporters stormed the US Capitol by breaking through police barriers. The chaos has resulted in the death of five people, including a police officer. Subsequently, Keller, as reported by ESPN, has been charged with obstructing law enforcement, knowingly entering and/or remaining in a restricted building or grounds without permission, disorderly conduct and violent entry.



Olympic champion Klete Keller was among the rioters at the US Capitol. AP

Based on the former swimmer's social media posts (he has deleted all his social media accounts), the 38-year-old seems like a keen Trump supporter. Though the number of people in the mob is still unconfirmed, Keller was relatively easy to recognise. For starters, his towering 6-foot-6 frame helped him stand

out, he did not wear a mask to cover his face despite the ongoing pandemic, and he wore a US team Olympic jacket with the words 'USA' clearly emblazoned on the back.

In a statement on Wednesday, as reported by The Guardian, US Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland claimed: "As many of you know, there are reports of an alumni Olympic athlete involved in the horrific acts at the US Capitol building last week. I strongly condemn the actions of the rioters at the US Capitol. They do not represent the values of the United States of America or of Team USA.'

Achievements

Apart from his attire and tall frame, Keller's was a relatively recognisable face. After all, he is a celebrated Olympian.

He first competed at the quadrennial event at the 2000 edition in Sydney, bagging a bronze in the 200 m freestyle individual event and silver in the 4×200 m relay. In Athens, he won another bronze in the individual event before helping the US beat Australia in the relay, in which he had teamed up with Michael Phelps. In Beijing 2008, he was a part of the American team that won gold again in the relay event.

Apart from his Olympic success, he is a five-time World Championship medallist as well - winning two golds, a silver and two bronze medals. He's also the former holder of the national record in the 400 m freestyle, and former world record holder in the 4x200m freestyle relay event.

Post-Olympic trauma

When he retired from the sport after the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Keller struggled to adjust to life outside the swimming pool. He had taken up "many" sales positions postretirement. "It was very frustrating. In a sense, it's a smaller level, less exposure, because there aren't a billion people watching like at the Olympics. The stakes seem much lower. So the pressure is nowhere near what I faced at the Olympics," he said during an Olympic Channel Podcast.

"But at the same time, the real-world pressure was much more intimidating and difficult to deal with. I went from swimming

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to having three kids and a wife within a year. The consequences of not succeeding were very real. If I didn't make a sale or if the manager was ticked off at me, or if I got fired, you got no health insurance... There's other people, blood-related, that are counting on you. All the success I had with swimming gave me an inaccurate expectation of the world."

In 2014, he lost his job and was divorced within 24 hours.

Rebuilding life, then riots

For 10 months Keller lived in his car until his sister Kalyn, who had also represented the US at the 2004 Olympics in swimming. took him in. According to news organisation SwimSwam, he started to conduct swimming

classes and clinics to make ends meet.

For the last three years though, he's been working for real estate company Hoff & Leigh, SwimSwam reported that Keller had resigned from the firm, along with their statement that read: "Hoff & Leigh supports the right of free speech and lawful protest. But we cannot condone actions that violate the rule of law."

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Emerges as a Resounding Success!

UP CHIEF Minister Yogi Adityanath's unique initiative to encourage indigenous and specialized products and crafts exclusive to different districts of the state has emerged as a resounding success. Creating innumerable nano-engines to spur economic growth while protecting and promoting crafts and skills that were dying for want of support, ODOP has resulted in unprecedented growth in exports from the state. With a potential of creating 1.3 crore job opportunities by 2021, it has created lakhs of job opportunities in the past three years.

The unprecedented success and unfathomable potential of the programme have made it a key component in nurturing ambitions of the state to turn it into a trillion-dollar economy.

Soon to be Adopted Nationally

Success of the One District One Product (ODOP) idea has been so great that it has attracted attention of the union and other state governments. Taking a leaf from UP, the Government of India recently decided to prepare an institutional mechanism to promote the ODOP scheme at the national level. The Union Government wants to propagate it in the form of a movement in the country. In an open session, chaired by the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal, in August, Gujarat, MP, Manipur, Telangana and Jharkhand expressed interest in taking up the programme.

UP-The Initiator

The very unique 'One District One Product' scheme evolved on the fact that almost every district of Uttar Pradesh has one or other renowned traditional product. Before ODOP, the units producing traditional products, in spite of being the mainstay of MSME sector in the state, were more often than not failing units with a lot of problems as there was no policy to protect and promote them. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath identified the problem and launched the scheme with the aim of protecting and developing traditional and indigenous-to-UP crafts, skills and products while creating 25 lakh employment opportunities.

An elaborate exercise was undertaken to identify problems of every individual industry and ways to overcome challenges in making them viable and qualitatively better. One product or product group from each district was identified and Common



Facility Centres were set up in all 75 districts to address specific problems of these units and extend financial, technical and managerial support for their proliferation.

Marketing and Branding efforts

Apart from providing necessary technical assistance for quality upgradation of ODOP products, the MSME department of the UP government has also been looking after the branding and marketing efforts for these products. As a result, ODOP products like the Terracotta products of Groakhpur, beautiful Moonj grass products of Sultanpur and Allahabad, Durries and carpets of Bhadohi, Mirzapur and Jaunpur, flutes of

Pilibhit, locks and hardware products of Aligarh, sports goods of Meerut and

wood craft of Saharanpur and Bijnore have scaled new heights in domestic as

ODOP products to be exhibited at Dilli Haat

A fair for showcasing the products made under the 'One District One Product (ODOP)' scheme of the Uttar Pradesh government will be organised at Dilli Haat from January 16 to 31.

A total of 118 stalls from across 61 districts of the state will be set up for the branding of products by artisans of Uttar Pradesh at the national and international levels. The ODOP products to be put up in the fair include leather products and marble from Agra, Glass products from Firozabad, brass and anklets bells from Etah, Moonj products of

Amethi, Terracotta products from Gorakhpur, Chikankari from Lucknow, and Musical instruments from Amroha.

The government will be providing free stalls, lodging arrangements, and fare to the craftsmen. ID cards are mandatory for every craftsman attending the fair.

The ODOP scheme by the UP government focuses on boosting the economy of the state by encouraging indigenous and specialised products of the various districts.

well as international markets. Many products like the Pilibhit flutes have recently found markets in the US and Europe. Anklet bells produced in Jalesar (Etah) have found markets in Africa, Middle East and East Asia. Other Products taken up under the scheme include utensils of Kanpur Dehat, wall-hangings of Ghazipur, wooden toys of Chitrakoot, wheat stalk artifacts of Bahraich, Mahoba's Gaura stone craft, Mainpuri's Tarkashi art products, Rampur's brocade and patchwork and tribal crafts of Lakhimpur Kheri. In a major milestone, the rugs and mats made by a self-help group (SHG) in Mirzapur are to be showcased in the 'Japan Carpet Fair' in January. These products have already received appreciation from across the globe.

Famous Designers Roped in for ODOP

Famous fashion designers such as Ritu Berry, Rina Dhaka, JJ Valaya and Manish Malhotra have been engaged with the ODOP scheme to give textile, handloom, dresses, carpets, Home décor, leather and other products a new look and shape. These designers are guiding the craftsmen and producers to match international quality.

Virtual Expo Brings in International Buyers

In order to devise ways to overcome the economic seize due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UP government recently organized an international 3-D virtual expo to help create virtual bazaar for ODOP products. The experiment with the help of FICCI has given rich dividends. Silk garment producers in Varanasi said that the virtual expo has boosted demand for their products by a whopping 70 to 75%. Overjoyed with the response, FICCI is now thinking of hosting it round the year.

ODOP to help make UP a Trillion Dollar Economy

The ODOP segment of the MSME sector has emerged as a key segment in the efforts targeted at making the state a trillion-dollar economy. There are traditional industrial hubs such as Banarasi silk sarees of Varanasi, carpets of Bhadohi, Chikan wears of Lucknow, tannery and leather goods of Kanpur, leather footwear of Agra as well as locks and hardware of Aligarh etc. The government has also taken initiative to get these products Geographical Identification (GI)

tagged. Many of these products have already got the GI tag. This new ODOP segment in the MSME sector is the most potent economic tool to ensure rapid progress in economic activities to take the UP economy to the one-trillion-dollar mark.

ADB to Give \$ 500 Million for ODOP

Even the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is so impressed with the scheme that it has promised to earmark \$500 million for it. ADB's assistance will be mainly in three clusters, including Varanasi where it will help weavers of silk saris and the sports goods industry in Meerut. The third cluster is yet to be findliged.

Apart from a record financial assistance, the ADB would also set up 20 entrepreneurship development centres in the state to groom local artisans and traders as potential entrepreneurs.

MoUs to Promote ODOP Products

The Uttar Pradesh government has signed five Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs), including one with e-commercegiant Amazon, to help artisans in selling their products selected under ODOP scheme. Besides Amazon, the state administration signed MoUs with Wipro GE Healthcare, Bombay Stock Exchange, National Stock Exchange and the Quality Council of India. Wipro GE Healthcare will set up a training centre to impart skill training programme to 450 personnel in the state. BSE and NSE will launch education programme for entrepreneurs engaged in micro, small and medium industries to make them aware of the procedures of listing on stock exchanges to raise funds for their units. It was a long-pending demand of the craftsmen.

ODOP Retail Chain

Special marketing drive for ODOP products of UP has led to the opening of sales outlets in major cities, including Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi. In the first phase, a showroom of ODOP products has been opened in Gujarat. Now the government plans to set up stalls in UP Bhawans in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. Apart from these outlets, the Lok Bhavan in Lucknow is set to showcase ODOP products in a special way.

Hopes Pinned on MSME for Big Economic Achievement



UTTAR PRADESH has pinned big hopes on the MSME sector in its efforts to boost economic activities in the state. It is the sector that has given outstanding performance when nothing else was moving. Currently, there are around 1 crore MSME units in Uttar Pradesh. However, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath realizes that this sector has the potential to generate large-scale employment opportunities in the shortest possible timeframe. Thus, to speed up unhindered establishment of MSME units in the state, the UP government has introduced a new MSME Act that simplifies the establishment process of MSMEs.

New Act

Easing the conditions for setting up new MSME units, the UP government notified UP MSME (Establishment and Operations) Act, 2020, in September. The Act provides for a single-window system for no objection certificates (NOCs) from 29 departments and power connection of up to 20 KW

within three days of filing an application.

"A person will have to make an application through a 'Declaration of Intent' to the District Level Nodal Agency (DLNA), which will have to issue an acknowledgment within 72 hours of receiving the application. On the basis of this acknowledgement, one will be able to establish the unit," the notification stated.

Navneet Sehgal, state's Additional Chief Secretary (MSME), said the DLNA will be headed by the district magistrate. "The application can be filed online through the 'Nivesh Mitra' portal, which is the official portal for the sector. The committee will immediately start verification of the submitted documents and licenses needed to start the industry will be issued within three days," he said.

The Act is applicable for new units or those seeking to expand or diversify, provided they increase their gross block only by 25%. The Act excludes units of tobacco products, gutka, pan

masala, alcohol, carbonated drinks, fire crackers, plastic bags of 40 microns or less or as banned by the government from time to time.

Rs 36,000 Crore Working Capital Infused to 11 Lakh MSMEs

Apart from facilitating the setting up of MSME units, the government has actively taken steps to ensure strengthening of the existing and new MSME units. In the lockdown and post-lockdown periods, the government has extended working capital loans to the tune of Rs 36,000 crore to almost 11 lakh MSME units in the state. The beneficiary MSMEs comprised about 465,000 existing and 745,000 new units across different industry segments. Bank finances totalling Rs 19,801 crore and Rs 16,562 crore, respectively, under various Central and State Government schemes has been extended to these

The Additional Chief Secretary, Navneet Sehgal claims that this capital infusion in the sector has created around 20 lakh fresh employment opportunities. "The State Government is targeting to provide institutional credit to 20 lakh MSMEs in the current financial year to generate 80 lakh employment opportunities," he adds. It may be noted that in May, as soon as

the Union Government announced an economic package of Rs 20 lakh crore for 'Self-reliant India Campaign', the UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath disbursed online loans worth Rs 2002.49 crore to 56,754 MSME units in the state. Thus, UP became the first state to disburse loans to such a large number of entrepreneurs during the lockdown period.

At the same time, the government facilitated loans worth Rs 15,000 crore to the MSME units under its flagship ODOP scheme over the past three years. The government is targeting to augment MSME exports in the next three years to reach Rs 3 lakh crore

from Rs 1.20 lakh crore in the FY 2019-20. To give impetus to the MSME exports, a new export promotion policy is also being prepared.

Highest Number of Jobs Under PMEGP

UP has created highest number of jobs even under the Prime Minister Employment Guarantee Programme (PMEGP). The state has created 14,616 jobs of the total 1.10 lakh jobs created between April and August across the country under this scheme. These employment opportunities were created in the MSME sector.

UP to Develop the First 'Toy City' in the Country

The toy-making craft of Jhansi district, included in the ODOP scheme, may soon get a boost as the government is planning to introduce a separate toy policy in the state besides planning to create the first 'toy city' of the country. The toy policy framework is under development as the draft policy has been shared with industrialists for their comments. It will soon be presented before the cabinet. It may be noted that no state in the country has such a policy.

The production of battery-operated electronic toys is quite low and inferior in quality due to poor technical and designing inputs. Import of raw material for plastic toys is also a cumbersome task. The government is planning to arrange design studio and testing lab to boost the industry. Toy industrial units being set up under the MSME Act provisions shall get land at concessional rates and other facilities.

The toy market size in India is approximately Rs 10,000 crore. Only 35 to 45% of this market operates under organized sector. Indigenous toys have a meagre share of approximately 12% while the rest 88% belongs mostly to imports from China. India's share in global toy market is less than 0.5%.

Noida to be the Biggest Industrial Hub in North India

While presiding over a meeting of high level Empowered Committee of Invest UP', Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

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said that Noida will be developed as the biggest hub in north India.

The state has strived to develop infrastructure in terms of power, road, communication, transport, besides maintaining strong law and order situation to achieve the dream of becoming one-trillion economy.

20,000-acre Land Bank for Industries

The chief minister also said that UP has a ready land bank of 20,000 acre on which industries can be set up. He said the government is coming out with a comprehensive land policy, besides formulating new Pharma Policy and Data Policy. "Defence and aerospace, warehousing, data centres, electrical vehicles and pharma sector are some of the emerging investment centres in the state besides, the ambitious Defence Corridor project." All these sectors are likely to promote growth of MSMEs along with the larger entities.

Data Park at Greater Noida

The Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recently laid the foundation stone for a data park being developed by Hiranandani Group subsidiary Yotta Infrastructure in Greater Noida. It is worth noting that the state government had approved the project only on October 24 last and a 20-acre plot had been allotted to the company immediately. The project is to cost approximately Rs 7,000 crore (approximately \$950 million). Speaking in the virtual ceremony for the ambitious data centre project Yogi Adityanath reiterated that Uttar Pradesh has emerged as an attractive destination for investors and businessmen. The centre will consist of six interconnected data centre buildings offering 30,000 racks capacity and 200MW of power. It is expected to generate thousands of job opportunities in IT sector. According to the company, the construction of the data centre park will commence in December and the first data centre building is expected to be operational before July 2022.



Saluting Real Heroes of India





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General Bipin Chandra Joshi PVSM, AVSM, ADC (01 Jul 1993 to 19 Nov 1994)



General Shankar Roy Chowdhury PVSM, ADC (22 Nov 1994 to 30 Sep 1997)



General Ved Prakash Malik PVSM, AVSM (01 Oct 1997 to 30 Sep 2000)



Padmanabhan PVSM, AVSM, VSM (01 Oct 2000 to 30 Dec 2002)

General Sundararajan



General Nirmal Chander Vij PVSM, UYSM, AVSM (31 Dec 2002 to 31 Jan 2005)



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PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC (31 Dec 2019 to Till Date)

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INDIAN ARMY: STRONG AND CAPABLE

HE Indian Army, the land component of the Indian Armed Forces, is one of the most capable and professional armies in the world. Tasked with defence of the homeland along the Northern, Western and Eastern borders, it is also engaged in counter-terrorist activities in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the North East region of the country. The men and women in 'Olive Greens' have proven their worth against both external and internal challenges. The Indian Army has also been deployed in providing aid to civil authorities during natural disasters.

The year 2020 has been full of challenges for India and the Army. Covid-19 and China have been major threats for the global order and the major scene of contestation, cooperation and confrontation has shifted to Asia. India, faced with a revisionist state in the West and a revanchist one on its Northern and Eastern frontiers, is at the centre of the biggest clash of civilisations that is slow-burning its way to increased hostilities between

democracies and an authoritarian

Unilateral and provocative actions by the Chinese to change the status quo by force, in more than one area on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), were responded to in a firm and non-escalatory way, ensuring the sanctity of our claims in Eastern Ladakh. Indian Army has maintained all protocols and Agreements between the two countries while the PLA escalated the situation by utilisation of unorthodox weapons and amassing large number of troops. The Indian Army with assistance from IAF mobilised troops including accretionary forces in a very short duration including heavy equipment like guns, tanks as also ammunition. rations and clothing. Our own engineers constructed roads, accommodation and bridges to assist troop deployment. In a major skirmish in Galwan, 20 brave Indian soldiers lost their lives while preventing PLA troops from ingressing into our territory. The Chinese also suffered significant casualties. Later on August 28-29, 2020, our troops in a precautionary deployment, pre-empted Chinese expansionist designs and occupied heights along southern bank of Pangong Tso. Braving the weather, own troops continue to be deployed on these heights. Advance Winter Stocking (AWS) and winter preparations for the enhanced strength has been completed and troops are well entrenched to counter any misadventure by Chi-

nese forces. With the 'Whole of Government' approach adopted against the terror ecosystem and the consistent efforts of the security forces, the security situation in Jammu & Kashmir has seen progressive improvement. On one hand, high level of alertness by troops along the Line of Control (LC) blunted Pakistan's endeavours to infiltrate terrorists into the Valley, at the same time, high tempo of kinetic operations in the hinterland ensured denial of operational space to terrorist organisations. Ceasefire violations committed by Pakistan Army were given a befitting reply.

A number of attempts to smuggle arms, ammunition and contraband were also foiled along the LC. Internal security situation in North Eastern States has improved considerably with a large number of surrenders of insurgent cadres. Excellent understanding and coordination with Myanmar (OP SUNRISE) have made it difficult for Indian Insurgent Groups (IIGs) to set up camps there. The Army and other security forces have played a stellar role in reducing the violence levels and forcing insurgents to abjure the path of violence.

The Indian Army facilitated a successful national response in the fight against COVID-19, by providing unprecedented assistance both in terms of men and material. A total of 113 hospitals were earmarked Nationwide for treatment of 12,000 patients from within the Army resources. Quarantine facilities have been extended to approximately 4,000 expats, who returned to the country during lockdown. COVID-19 provided the Indian Army an opportunity to help reach out to Friendly Foreign Countries also, wherein, help was not only extended in terms of specialist manpower and medicines but also COVID management techniques.

2020 has also laid foundations for one of the most remarkable and momentous changes in the functioning of the Armed Forces. The era of integration of the Army, Air Force and Navy has begun and 2021 will take it

A slew of weapons and platforms purchases have given an impetus to modernisation reforms within the Army which not only focuses on capability but also intent in the form of force restructuring, led by a major revamp in the Army headquarters. The Indian Army is now poised to become one of the most prolific contributors to the Indian Government's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative.





SALUTING INDIAN ARMY FOR THEIR COURAGE AND COMPASSION.

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